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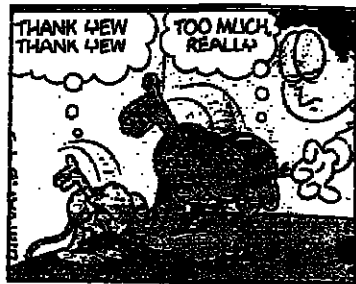
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PA accepts US plan 'in principle'

By JAY BUSHINSKY, MOHAMMED NAJIB, and news agencies

The Palestinian Authority has accepted "in principle" US proposals for breaking the impasse over an IDF withdrawal in the West Bank, a senior Palestinian official said yesterday.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat has also asked the administration of US President Bill Clinton to submit the proposals officially in writing, the official added.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat added that "We have made clear our position to the US administration. The US also knows very well Israel's position as well, so there is no need for further negotiations. It's time for the US to move with mechanisms of implementation."

PLO officials said the plan, raised by US envoy Dennis Ross during a four-day mission that ended last Monday, calls for a 13.1 percent pullback in return for Palestinian moves to prevent attacks and incitement against Israel. Israel has rejected the figure.

The Palestinians had initially demanded a pullback of 30%. Palestinian officials added that the PA would not further negotiate US proposals after accepting them in principle.

Ross is expected to inform Clinton tomorrow of the outcome of his latest shuttle.

Senior Israeli officials were unable to confirm reports that Ross would return this week for more sessions with Netanyahu and Arafat. Erekat said that "if Ross intends to come to the region, I don't know why he should come. What new ideas does he expect to hear from us or from the Israelis that he hasn't heard already?"

Palestinian Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi said "the situation is very dangerous and the US should carry out its responsibility to present an initiative that puts the blame on the side which is trying to collapse the process."

The PA has also asked the US to present its peace initiative publicly as soon as possible.

"Time is crucial. It's time the US ideas and proposals to break the impasse are officially forwarded and it's time for the US to move from the process of negotiations only to substance," Erekat said.

"The US promised us it would formally present its initiative next week, and starting Monday we expect Washington to send us the initiative in writing," Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, said.

Abu Rudeineh also urged the US to speed up peace efforts "to avoid any further deterioration," after the death last week of Hamas bomb-maker Muhi Sharif.

The Palestinian cabinet said in a statement issued by the Wafa news agency after its Friday meeting that Washington "should without delay, make public its initiative to pull the peace process from the abyss."

In a briefing to the diplomatic corps on Friday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that in considering a further IDF pullback in the West Bank, Israel had to consider threats on a number of fronts, not only from the Palestinians.

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Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi addresses a rally at the Islamic University in Gaza yesterday in memory of slain bombmaker Muhi Sharif. (Reuters)

Rantisi: PA killed Sharif to cover up his torture

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Gaza Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi claimed yesterday that members of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service (PSS) were behind the death of bomb-maker Muhi Sharif.

He charged they had arrested Sharif and tortured him to death, and in order to hide the evidence planted his body in a booby-trapped car before detonating it in Ramallah last Sunday.

Meanwhile, Hamas reiterated its warning of revenge attacks for Sharif's death at rallies in Gaza yesterday and Friday attended by thousands of Palestinians.

Amid cries from the crowd for "revenge," Rantisi yesterday called on the movement's Izzadin Kassam military units to continue its struggle against Israel.

US: Israel not behind Sharif's death, Page 2

Responding to a Palestinian Authority cabinet statement Friday claiming that the Palestinian Police is investigating the possibility that someone in Hamas killed Sharif, Rantisi said, "We do not kill each other. The Israelis are the targets of the Izzadin Kassam units."

On Friday Hamas leaders threat-

ened revenge attacks not only in Israel, but also against Jewish targets abroad for the death of Sharif. Rantisi said last night that Hamas is carrying out its own investigation of Sharif's death and would publish its results. He claimed Sharif had died under interrogation, after which he had been shot by security officials attempting to hide the evidence. When they saw this had failed, they decided to blow him up, Rantisi said.

"Why did Preventive Security officials arrest Hamas members, when it was Hamas that had been assaulted?" he asked.

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Hariri: Security arrangements only after peace

Syrian FM to Paris for talks on pullout

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Lebanon would only cooperate with Israel on border security arrangements once the two countries sign a peace agreement, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said on Friday.

Asked whether Israel would still face security threats from guerrilla groups if it made peace with Lebanon, he told Reuters: "In this case, all of us will have a different relation. We will have interests... against anybody who will jeopardize the peace."

Hariri stressed that Israel, Lebanon and Syria would cooperate in many fields, including security, if peace were reached.

"All of us will be part of it. So we will become one camp against the people who are against the peace," he said in an interview which focused on Israel's recent adoption of UN Resolution 425.

"Nevertheless, if Mr. Netanyahu insists not to make peace with Lebanon as well as with Syria, so we want him to withdraw from our territory and implement Resolution 425, and then we will do what we have to do, but will be accountable only towards our people and our parliament. Not towards anybody else."

Israel has offered to withdraw from the security zone on condition that the Lebanese government agrees to deploy troops to protect it from Hizbullah attacks.

Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Shara are to visit Paris today for talks on the Israeli proposal, officials and diplomats said yesterday. Officials said Khaddam and Shara would deliver a message from President Hafez Assad to President Jacques Chirac dealing with the situation in the region and bilateral ties.

"The message is a reply to one sent by Chirac to Assad in January. The message was conveyed by French Foreign Minister Hubert

Vedrine during a visit to Damascus," one official said.

"The discussions of Khaddam and Shara will include, among other topics, talks about Israel's conditional offer to withdraw from Lebanon," one diplomat said.

Meanwhile, a South Lebanese Army soldier was badly wounded in an Hizbullah roadside bomb attack in the security zone's western sector during fighting over the weekend. Reports from the region said an explosive device was detonated alongside a SLA armored personnel carrier. The wounded soldier was evacuated by helicopter to a hospital in Israel.

The reports said Hizbullah gunmen opened fire simultaneously at an SLA outpost close to the site of the explosion, apparently to cover the retreat of those who detonated the device. There were no casualties from the mortar bombardments, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

UNIFIL probes roadside blast, Page 2

Military sources said the mortar fire had originated from close to Barasheet village, north of the zone, in breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

In a separate incident, mortars hit an IDF outpost in the zone's western sector, causing some damage inside the position, but no casualties. The attack sparked heavy exchanges in the region.

The fighting continued yesterday with a long-range mortar attack on a SLA position in the zone's eastern sector. There were no casualties and no damage was caused.

Security sources noted that Hizbullah had used the same tactics in the attack near Barasheet on Friday afternoon as it had in the incident near Kawkabeh last Tuesday in which six Shi'ite workers, all residents of the security zone, were killed and another was

badly wounded.

In both cases, Hizbullah activists detonated roadside bombs alongside the targets and simultaneously mortars were fired at the area to cover the retreat of the bombers.

Asked if he expected Hizbullah to halt its campaign against Israel in the event of an Israeli pullout, Hariri said: "Israel is asking this question... I will not answer this now. Not because I believe there would be an attack or not, but because I know at this particular moment anything Lebanon will say, it will be accountable towards Israel."

Israel's bid to gain security guarantees raises the question of whether the Beirut government has the capacity to impose security along the border.

Hizbullah has said it would cooperate with the Lebanese Army if Israel pulled out.

Hariri seemed confident that the Lebanese government would not face any challenges from Hizbullah if it imposed security in the south in the event of an Israeli pullout.

"I advise everybody not to bet on any conflict between [Hizbullah] and the Lebanese Army. You know they have their own political agenda, we know that. We don't agree on many things," he said. "I find that Hizbullah is acting in a highly responsible way now. Since some time."

Hariri also emphasized Beirut's closeness with its neighbors.

"If you look at the map you will see that the borders are very close between Lebanon, Israel and Syria," he said. "So how can you divide the security between the three countries?"

"Everybody has to cooperate with everybody else," he added.

Hariri urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to return to the negotiating table.

"This is the only way where everybody can live in peace and assure security," he said. "But the theory of having security without having peace, I think it is very difficult."



Betar wins 'game of the season'

Betar Jerusalem goalkeeper Itzik Kornfein (right) prepares for an assault by Hapoel Tel Aviv in yesterday's 1:0 Betar win at Jaffa's Bloomfield Stadium. Story, Page 16. (Brian Hender)

US arrests former CIA agent for passing secrets to two foreign governments

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A disgruntled former CIA officer has been arrested on charges he passed secrets to two foreign nations about how the agency cracked their coded communications, US officials said on Friday.

Douglas Groat, 50, who worked at the Central Intelligence Agency for 16 years until being fired in 1996, also was charged with trying to extort more than \$500,000 from the spy agency in return for not revealing secrets to foreign governments.

During a brief court hearing, a lawyer for Groat entered a not guilty plea to the five charges, two of which carry a possible death penalty.

US Attorney Wilma Lewis said after the hearing that Groat participated during his CIA career in classified covert operations aimed at the penetration of cryp-

tographic systems of foreign governments.

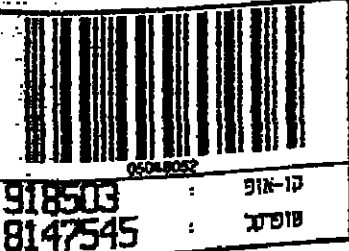
He allegedly disclosed national defense information concerning the targeting and compromise of the cryptographic systems of two unidentified foreign governments to those governments, she told reporters outside the courthouse.

Lewis said the countries were not named in the indictment for "national security reasons." The indictment alleged that Groat handed over the secrets to representatives of a foreign government "with intent and reason to believe that said information

would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation."

The case involves "highly sensitive classified information that could have a serious impact on the national security of the United States. In short this is a serious espionage case," she said.

The alleged espionage took place in late March and April 1997, while the alleged extortion scheme began in May 1996 and lasted until February 1998, the officials said. Groat was arrested by FBI agents without incident on Thursday.



NEWS

in brief

Beduin, police clash near Shfaram

Ten Beduin and one policeman were injured in clashes in Su'ed village near Shfaram last night. A riot occurred when police began demolishing three illegal buildings in the village. Hundreds of residents threw rocks at police, who used a helicopter and tear gas to disperse the rioters. Police arrested 15 of the rioters.

Magen David Adom ambulances evacuated the injured to a hospital. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Detention of two Palestinians extended

The government yesterday renewed the detentions of two suspected Palestinian terrorists held for years without a trial, Israel Radio reported.

The detentions of Ahmed Qattamesh and Khaled Deleisheh were renewed by another six months, according to the reports. The detention order must be renewed every six months.

Qattamesh and Deleisheh were detained for membership in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Qattamesh has been held without trial for 4 1/2 years and Deleisheh for just under 4 years. *AP*

Israel returns shepherd's remains to Syria

Israel on Friday returned to Syria the remains of a man killed when he stepped on a mine east of Israel's border fence in the northern reaches of the Golan Heights.

The incident occurred on Thursday when the man, believed to be a shepherd, apparently approached to within a few meters of the fence. His remains were handed over to representatives of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force on the Golan and returned to Syria via the Kuneitra crossing point. *David Rudge*

IDF takes Lebanese child to hospital

The IDF on Friday came to the aid of a three-year-old Lebanese girl who suffered serious head injuries after a falling four meters at her home in the security zone. Her parents brought her to Marjayoun Hospital in the zone. Her condition was described as critical and an IAF helicopter was called in to evacuate the unconscious girl to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. From there she was later taken to the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva for treatment. *David Rudge*

Motorcyclist dies after being hit by cement truck

Amit Goldshmidt, 21, of Kiryat Bialik died Friday night shortly after being hit by a cement truck. The back wheel of the cement truck crashed into his motorcycle on the road to Haifa. *Itim*

Floods block main roads in Haifa area

Floods blocked main roads to Haifa and parts of the bayside suburbs until mid-afternoon yesterday after torrential rain fell in the area. A section of the coastal highway, at the junction with Ein Hayam, collapsed under the pressure of the flood water, closing the southern access to the city. The situation was even worse at the northern entrance, where the road from the Checkpost junction to Geshar Paz was awash for several hours.

The drainage system in Haifa's downtown district and the Hof Shemen industrial area also proved incapable of dealing with the flood waters caused by a downpour that lasted over six hours.

Flooding was even reported on some roads on Mt. Carmel and at one point the road between Haifa University and Neshar was closed because of debris that had been washed onto it by the rain. By mid-afternoon, the floods subsided after the rain stopped and all of the roads were reopened. *David Rudge*

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved

EVA BOEHM-FRANKEL

The funeral will be held at noon today, Sunday, April 5, 1998 at Har Hamenuhot-Kehillat Yerushalayim. The family will sit shiva at the Boehm residence, Rehov Akiva 20, Jerusalem.

The Family

With great sorrow we announce the passing of

MILLIE WEBER

of Ramat Gan and Far Rockaway, New York. Funeral service today, Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at Kiryat Shaul Cemetery in Tel Aviv.

Marcel and Paula Weber, Suzanne Ross and families.

The Minister of Justice, the Attorney General, the Director General, the State Attorney, and all the Staff of The Ministry of Justice

offer sympathy to Tami Gaulan on the death of her father

YEHUDA י"ח

On the first anniversary of the passing of

CHAIM HERZOG י"ח

Sixth President of the State of Israel

a state memorial service will be held at Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem, in the Leaders of the Nation section, in the presence of the President, Prime Minister, Ministers and Knesset Members on Monday, April 6, 1998 (10 Nisan 5758) at 3:00 p.m.

Those invited are asked to arrive by 2:00 p.m., and to come onto Mt. Herzl through the gate of the civil cemetery grounds.

No firearms may be brought to the ceremony.

State Department: Israel not behind Sharif's death

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON — The US State Department said Friday it believes Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statements that Israel had nothing to do with last week's death of Hamas leader Muhi Sharif.

It also called on Hamas not to exploit the situation in a "perverted and outrageous" way by carrying out its threat to kill Israelis in revenge.

While the US does not have all the facts in the case, it has no "reason to doubt" Netanyahu's assertion and takes him "at his word," State Department spokesman James Rubin told reporters.

Rubin also sent an implicit message to the Palestinian Authority to ensure that calm prevails and to prevent Hamas attacks.

"The enemies of the peace process should stop trying to kill the Middle East peace process and act accordingly. In our view, it would be unconscionable for anybody to use this incident as an excuse to resort to violence," Rubin said.

"We deplore the statement of those Hamas officials who are trying to advocate violence and use this event as an excuse to advocate violence."

"And those who support the peace process must work closely together to prevent any incidents

of violence and terrorism. We urge the Israelis and Palestinians to enhance their security cooperation to try to deal with what might potentially happen," he said.

Sharif was killed Sunday when a car exploded near Ramallah.

Israel maintains that the bomb exploded prematurely in preparation for a planned suicide attack against Israel. But a PA pathologist later determined that Sharif was shot three times before the explosion.

Meanwhile, US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that he may return to the region after the administration and the parties examine proposals for advancing the negotiations.

He also told the group that the US cannot impose a peace on the sides and cannot draw a map for Israel, but can only offer its best judgments.

"He acknowledged there are things the Palestinians could do better, but that they've done more than they get credit for," conference executive vice-chairman Malcolm Hoenlein said of Thursday's telephone briefing.

Ross would not elaborate on where progress was made on his recent trip, Hoenlein said.

In a letter she sent Friday to Sen. Carl Levin, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the

administration "remains determined to pursue negotiations and to do so privately without public disclosure of details of proposals while we are in the process of exploring them with the parties."

"If, notwithstanding our best efforts, the parties remain at an impasse, then of course we would have to make a judgment about how to proceed," she wrote.

Levin and five colleagues wrote to Albright on Thursday to urge that the US pursue its diplomacy discreetly, saying that "private discussions and persuasion" are preferable to "undue public pressure."

The exchange came as the Senate sent a letter Friday to US President Bill Clinton, with 81 signatures, urging him not to publicly pressure Israel into making concessions on the scale of the next IDF redeployment.

A similar letter from the House of Representatives had gathered the signatures of about 130 congressmen, sources said, but was not sent out before Congress left Friday for its two-week spring recess.

Rubin said that while the State Department welcomes Congress's interest in foreign affairs, the US will "continue to do what we think is the best way to promote" the peace process.

But, he added sarcastically, if Congress wants to play a more active role, "it would be extreme-

UN probe: UNIFIL couldn't avert last week's blast

By DAVID RUDGE

UNIFIL's inquiry into a Hizbullah roadside bomb attack which last week killed six Lebanese civilians and seriously wounded another, has found that troops at a UN outpost nearby could not have seen the gunmen. The probe was in response to an IDF protest that the blast last Tuesday had occurred close to a UN post staffed by Norwegian troops.

Timur Goksel, UNIFIL's senior political adviser and spokesman, said that the location was not even visible from the UN post.

He also noted that mortar rounds exploded in the area simultaneously with the bomb and that the Norwegian troops had no way of knowing that one of the blasts was that of a roadside charge.

"No matter how regrettable the civilian casualties, everyone knows that in Lebanon the planting of roadside bombs stealthily and unseen is not a difficult undertaking — even within 500 meters of a UN post or 50 meters from someone else's position — especially taking into account the difficult terrain in that area," said Goksel.

It had been claimed by a senior IDF officer that whoever planted the bomb must have waited in the area a long time to detonate it alongside the target they chose — without being spotted by UNIFIL.

Goksel replied that "On the same day, seven jeeps, one command car and 12 other vehicles used the road leading up to the SLA post, which itself dominates the area, and 14 left there before the blast. If the attackers had been in the area for a long time, as was suggested, they could have taken their pick of these much more obvious military targets."

"The Norwegian troops, themselves, routinely clear the roads in that area, but we have not yet found an overall solution — such as positioning soldiers every 100 meters on all the roads in south Lebanon," Goksel added.

UNIFIL officers also noted that SLA commanders in the Kawkabeh area had made it clear that they had no complaints about the actions of Norwegian troops during or after the explosion.

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is scheduled to discuss Israel's complaint about the attack at a meeting tomorrow at UNIFIL headquarters in Nakoura. Israel has charged that the attack, for which Hizbullah claimed responsibility, was a flagrant breach of the understandings reached after the Grapes of Wrath Operation in April 1996.



Peres in China

Ambassador to China Ora Namir and former prime minister Shimon Peres are guided on a visit to a Sino-Israeli model farm in Beijing on Friday. *(AP)*

SHARIF

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Rantisi charged that Sharif had probably confessed or given the security officials names of contacts, according to which they started rounding up Hamas activists.

Rantisi said one of the Hamas activists arrested was 19-year-old Hassan Adasi from El Bireh, who apparently allowed Sharif to stay in his apartment.

Adasi's arrest came only minutes after the explosion occurred; in the following days another 20 Hamas activists were arrested by the PSS, he added.

Palestinian officials said PA members had asked Hamas to refrain from carrying out attacks, but this was rejected by Hamas.

On Friday afternoon, 65-year-old Eliezer Frankel of Rishon LeZion was critically wounded when a number of Palestinians stoned his car near Bir Naballah.

Frankel, who works at the capital's Atarot industrial area, was driving a car without armored glass. He was admitted to Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem with a fractured skull and bleeding in the brain. Last night Frankel was still unconscious in the neurological intensive care unit and his condition is described as extremely serious.

Clashes between IDF troops and Palestinians were reported in several West Bank locations yesterday, including Abu Dis.

A Border Police officer was lightly injured by stones in Abu Dis in the afternoon, when some 200 Palestinians stoned troops. The IDF Spokesman said the officer was treated at the scene and the troops used rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters.

Palestinian sources claimed six Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets and some 30 suffered tear-gas inhalation. Clashes were also reported in Bethlehem, Kalandia, Hebron, and Ramallah.

Fearing an outbreak of violence, the IDF on Friday declared Joseph's Tomb in Nablus a closed military zone.

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He noted the threats of ballistic missiles deployed in Iran and Iraq and the conventional armies of Syria and Lebanon. Netanyahu indicated that all these issues came up during his "businesslike" talks last week with Ross.

He told the ambassadors who assembled at the Foreign Ministry that he discussed with Ross the possible scope of the IDF's third redeployment as required by the Oslo Accords, as well as the long-pending second redeployment.

Netanyahu stressed that Israel cannot agree to "the asymmetry" in which Israel implements concrete steps while the Palestinians fail to fulfill their obligations.

He said that Israel, the US and the Palestinians should conduct serious deliberations on "the input" that went into the talks with Ross. "Our talks were not a mere photo opportunity," he said.

Netanyahu also denied that domestic political considerations, especially the survival of his coalition government, shaped his negotiating position. "Only the security considerations of the people of Israel guided me," he said.

Turning to the government's decision to endorse UN Security Council Resolution 425 on an IDF pullout from Lebanon, the prime minister called upon the envoys to urge their governments to support this policy.

The action is not meant to preempt or prejudice any of the Middle East peace process's bilateral channels, he said, adding that his allusion was to Syria and Lebanon.

Netanyahu also referred to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's visit, during which he raised the question of Israel's unique problems as a member of the international organization.

Paraphrasing what he said to Annan, Netanyahu said it was not normal that Israel should be the only member-state that does not belong to one of the UN's regional groupings.



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The Establishment of the Center for Bedouin Studies and Development

will take place on Monday, April 6, 1998 at the Hilton Beer-Sheva

9:30 - 10:30 - Greetings

Prof. Avishay Braverman, President, Ben-Gurion University
Moshe Arens, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Center for Bedouin Studies and Development

Robert H. Arnow, Chairman Emeritus, Board of Governors, BGU
Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

10:00 - 12:00 - Session 1

The Relationship between the Negev Bedouin and the Israeli Government
Prof. Yossi Ginat, Haifa University

Education in the Negev Bedouin Community: An Assessment of Existing Services and Further Needs

Dr. Ismael Abu-Saad, BGU & Dr. Yakov Katz, Bar-Ilan University

Urbanization and Alternative Plans for Bedouin Settlement

Sarah Kremer, The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development

Economic Profile of the Negev Bedouin
Hassan Abu-Gulder

12:00 PM

Presentation of Scholarships to Female Bedouin Students at BGU

Prof. Nachum Finger, Rector

13:00 - 15:00 - Session 2

Community Organization among the Negev Bedouin - The Experience of Shatit
Aliza Mazor

Intermarriage in Traditional Societies: Lessons from the Negev Bedouin Community
Prof. Rivka Carmi, BGU

The Impact of Polygamy on Women and Children among the Negev Bedouin

Dr. Alean Al-Krenawi, BGU

15:00 - 18:00 Closing Panel Session

The Partnership between Ben-Gurion University and the Negev Bedouin Community

Moderator:

Prof. Avinoam Meir, BGU

Participants:

Dr. Aref Abu-Rabia, Dr. Alean Al-Krenawi, Dr. Ismael Abu-Saad, Prof. Rivka Carmi, Prof. Gideon Kressel, BGU

Swiss blast Jewish lawsuit threat

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Switzerland has condemned a potential lawsuit against the Swiss National Bank and again has flatly ruled out state participation in a global settlement of Holocaust-era claims being discussed by the Swiss commercial banks.

"I'm getting angry," Flavio Cotti, the Swiss president and foreign minister, told Swiss television. "These threats are unjustified and counterproductive."

Last month, the three major Swiss commercial banks - Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation - announced in New York that they were prepared to discuss a "global resolution" of the lawsuits and claims that directly concern the banks.

However, there are additional claims and charges against Swiss institutions, including the national bank, which managed Switzerland's trading in Nazi-looted gold and was the largest buyer of gold from the German Reichsbank.

Swiss historians have reported that the national bank bought some \$389 million worth of gold - at war-time prices - from Nazi Germany. Another \$61m. was purchased through the private Swiss banks.

A Washington lawyer who is the lead counsel in the suits against the commercial banks, Michael Hausfeld, has confirmed that he intends to file a lawsuit against the Swiss National Bank.

The suit would allege that the national bank "collaborated with Nazi Germany in the knowing receipt of looted assets," including gold and securities.

"The issue of complicity of Swiss financial institutions with Nazi Germany is not complete without an inclusion of the Swiss National Bank," Hausfeld told reporters. The SNB issued a statement at week's end saying the US courts would have no jurisdiction and that it would oppose any suit "with all the legal means at our disposal."

"An out-of-court settlement does not enter into consideration," the SNB said.



A name for a plane

The unveiling of a British Airways Boeing 777 plane named after Tel Aviv, was celebrated at Ben Gurion Airport on Friday. The plane will fly the London-Tel Aviv route.

(Yael Somel/Israel Sun)

NYC to pay \$1.35m. to Crown Heights hassidim

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Calling it "one of the saddest chapters" in the history of New York, Mayor Rudy Giuliani offered an apology to the residents of Crown Heights over the weekend, and the city agreed to pay \$1.35 million to settle the civil suit in which hassidim charged the city with failing to protect them during the August 1991 race riots.

"I apologize to the citizens of Crown Heights, to the Rosenbaum family and to all of the people that were affected by this," Giuliani said at a City Hall news conference.

"This is one of the saddest chapters in at least recent history of New York City, and probably one of the saddest chapters in the history of the city of New York, both because of the loss of life involved and the terrible tragedy of losing lives, but also because of the inadequate response of the city of New York," the mayor said.

The lawsuit was brought by the family of Yankel Rosenbaum, a yeshiva student from Australia who was fatally stabbed on the first night of the riots, several people who were injured, and three Jewish institutions that suffered property damage.

Giuliani's apology came two days after Lemrick Nelson, 22, was sentenced to the maximum 19 years in prison after his conviction on federal civil rights charges in the death of

Rosenbaum.

In Crown Heights, a Brooklyn enclave that paradoxically is among the city's most integrated yet with little interaction between Jewish and

black neighbors, leaders of the black community said Giuliani's predecessor, David Dinkins, was unfairly blamed for the 1991 riots.

"The city needs to apologize, but

not for that one night," said Richard Green, of the Crown Heights Youth Collective. "Crown Heights occurred because of 20 years of neglect and estrangement."

Following Syrian pressure:

UN revises display of Annan Israel photos

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Several photographs of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's visit to Israel were either removed from a UN display board or had their captions rewritten after a complaint by Syria's UN mission, UN sources said on Friday.

The most noticeable revision to the display of official UN photos, which covered all stops on Annan's itinerary during his tour of the Middle East last month, was the removal of a head shot of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Other photographs, originally captioned "Secretary-General travels to Jerusalem on an official visit," were changed to "Secretary-General travels to Israel on an official visit," with the word "Jerusalem" in smaller type below.

Syrian UN envoy Mikhail Wehbe said, "They said 'Official visit to Jerusalem' ... I can understand 'Official visit to Palestine,' 'Official visit to Israel,' but not to 'Jerusalem, official visit.'"

"This is something unacceptable," he added.

Wehbe said Syria also objected to a "photo of one of the high Israeli officials separately, without the secretary-general or others of his delegation." "What is the connection with the visit?" he asked,

apparently referring to the large portrait of Netanyahu.

Wehbe also complained of "imbalance," saying there were proportionately more pictures connected with Annan's visit to Israel than to other stops on his itinerary, which included Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority-controlled territories.

One UN source suggested the original captions referred to an official visit to Jerusalem, rather than to Israel, to avoid implying the city was part of Israel.

Other sources said controversy over apparently innocuous issues was not new at the United Nations.

When Zubin Mehta conducted a March 1991 concert in the General Assembly hall by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, dedicated to world peace, then-secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar issued a statement regretting an unspecified "omission" in a UN press release containing a biographical sketch of the Indian-born maestro. The press release, which the UN chief ordered revised and reissued, provided many details of Mehta's career. However it unaccountably failed to mention his close links with Israel, where he is music director for life of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Death of an engineer

Hebrew press commentators have accepted government officials' denial of any involvement in Hamas bombmaker Muhi Sharif's death last week. Despite this, commentators unanimously believe that terror attacks to avenge his death are just around the corner.

Ha'aretz's Danny Rubinstein believes that neither the Palestinian Authority nor Israel was behind the explosion. The Palestinian security forces' cooperation with Israeli security forces in the investigation proves that they have nothing to hide and want to seek the truth, he writes. He also points out: "If the Israelis were involved ... why would the security forces volunteer to help the Palestinians in investigating the affair?" Rubinstein concludes that the explosion was an accident.

Yedioth Aharonot's Ron Ben-Yishai states that Israel's response in this case differed from its responses in past incidents when it was involved in assassinations. This time, Israel vigorously denied any connection, while in the past it either didn't comment or indirectly took responsibility.

Ma'ariv's Oded Granot claims that Sharif's death should have provided great relief to the IDF, but instead "it put the defense forces and the Israeli nation ... on alert [for terror attacks]."

Yedioth's Ronni Shaked states that the threats made by Hamas should be taken very seriously and concludes that the truth about who was behind the bombing may never be known, but as long as Hamas believes Israel is responsible, it will avenge Sharif's death.

Nobody's sucker

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "has played ... his favorite game: the quality game," *Ma'ariv's* Ben Caspit writes, referring to Netanyahu's inconsis-

tencies when addressing the percent of the territories he is willing to give the Palestinians. Caspit adds that he lets the Americans understand one thing and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon another.

"Netanyahu talks and talks, but afterwards, after the dust settles and the words fade, nothing is left."

Yedioth's Uri Orbach comments on Netanyahu's speech to high-school students in Ma'aleh Adumim, where he stated that "We are not suckers," and that Israel will not give anything to the Palestinians unless it receives something in return. Orbach claims that these statements improve Netanyahu's standing with the public because they show that the country is important to him.

"A moment before the concessions, [he conveys] his suffering ... bargaining on every percentage and nagging about every clause that the Palestinians are violating."

In *Ha'aretz's* Dan Margalit writes that even paying a reasonable price is difficult for Netanyahu. He adds that Netanyahu is good at negotiating but has difficulty bringing negotiations to an end because he always feels that he could have received more.

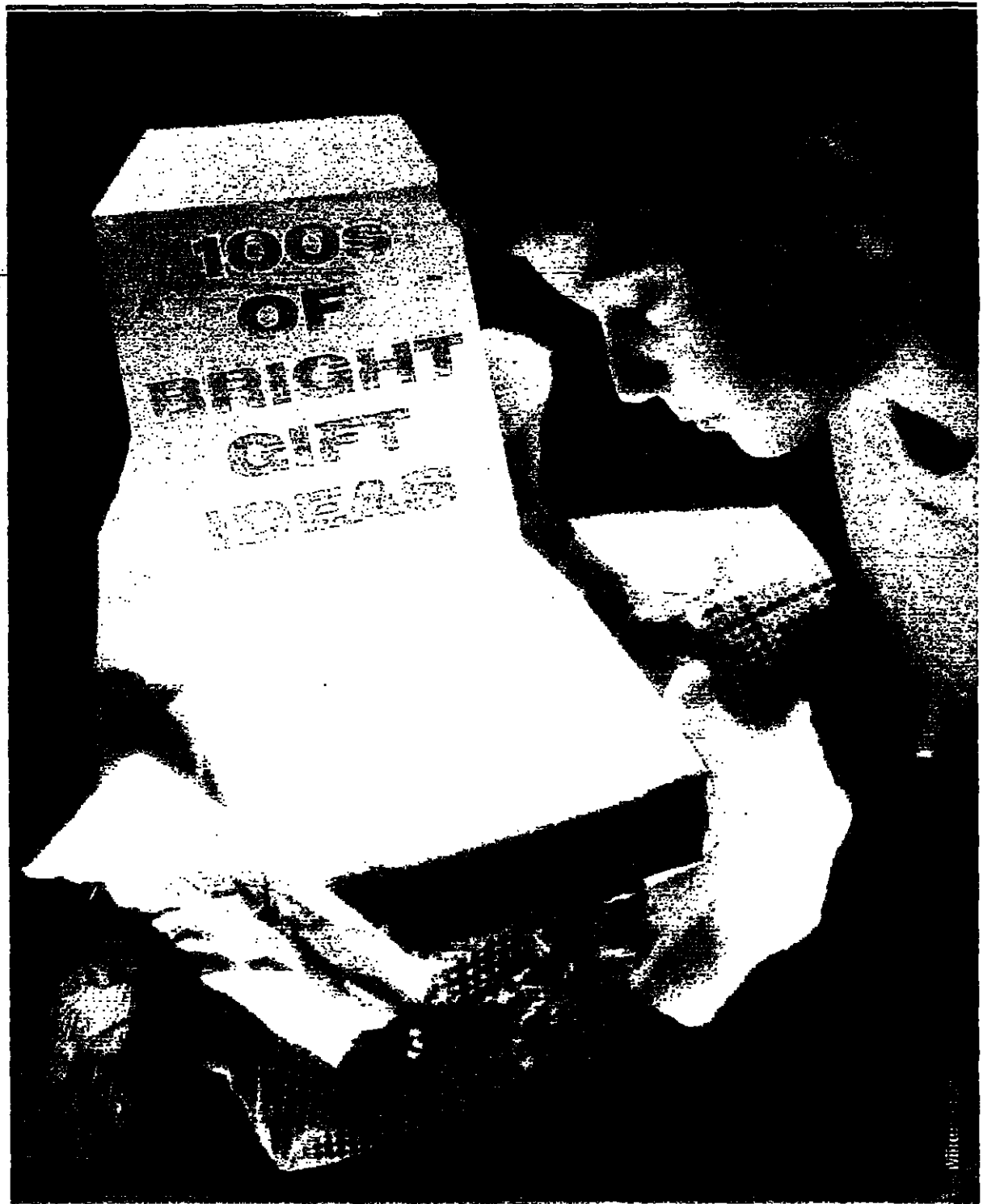
End of term

In July 1998 Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak completes his term as chief of general staff. According to *Yedioth's* Ron Ben-Yishai, Shahak's greatest achievement was the raising of the soldiers' morale.

"He is worthy of the title, 'the most humane chief of staff that IDF has ever had.' His greatest achievements were not in the battle field but in bringing people together."

Ha'aretz's Amir Oren states that during his term, "Shahak promised little and achieved little.... Those bolder than he would have made a change: those more reckless would have caused a war."

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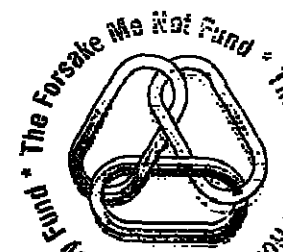
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Mideast youth forum to convene in Switzerland

By JUDY SIEGEL

Seeds of Peace, a New York-based organization that promotes coexistence programs for young people from regions of conflict, has announced plans to convene a Middle East Youth Summit to be attended by Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian youths.

The summit convening in Villars, Switzerland from May 1 through May 7, will feature speakers such as Jordan's Queen Noor, former prime minister Shimon Peres, coalition whip MK Meir Shalev (Likud) Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, Egyptian undersecretary and political adviser to the president Osama el-Baz, and UN assistant secretary-general Vladimir Petrovsky.

Officials from the US and

Israeli government have also been invited. "We are seizing this moment at a time when the Israeli-Palestinian talks are stymied to give the next generation of Arabs and Israelis a chance to send a message to their leaders," Seeds of Peace President and founder John Wallach said in announcing the summit Friday at the US Consulate in east Jerusalem.

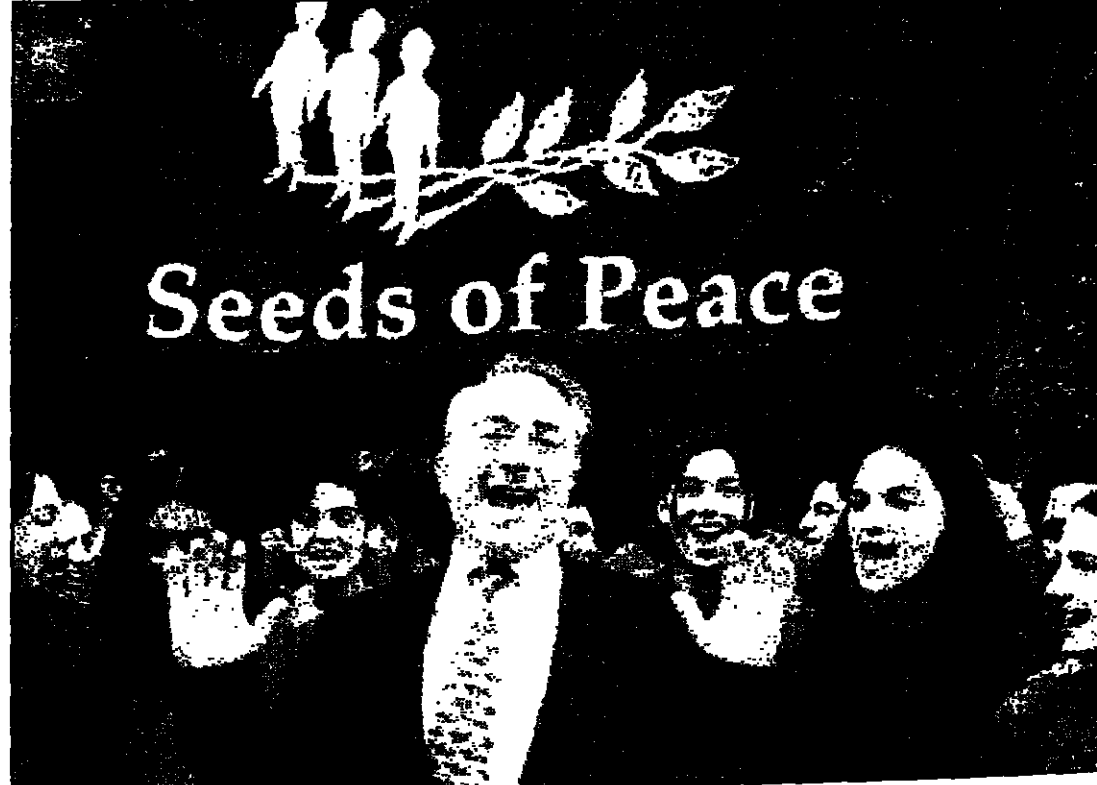
"The young people who gather for this summit are committed to making the personal effort to show their leaders that there is a better way," Wallach said. The summit is to be funded by Novartis, the world's largest pharmaceutical company which is headquartered in Basel.

Alex Jetzer, of the Novartis Board of Directors, said his compa-

ny (formed by the merger of Ciba and Sandoz) is constantly seeking ways to improve social welfare.

"By supporting this summit, we hope to help the next generation of leaders plan for a brighter and more secure future," he said.

Since 1993, when youngsters participating in Seeds of Peace events were guests at the historic White House signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles, also known as the Oslo Accords - the foundation has brought teenagers from the Middle East, Bosnia and other trouble spots to its US summer camp and conflict resolution program. The organization plans also to launch a program for Greek and Turkish youngsters from Cyprus this summer.



Alex Jetzer (center) of the Novartis pharmaceutical company's board of directors, stands with youths from Seeds of Peace, while announcing plans Friday to hold a summit of Israeli and Arab young people next month. (Brian Heller)

Leah Rabin celebrates 70th birthday

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan sent greetings and a gift of \$50,000 earmarked for the Rabin Peace Center in honor of Leah Rabin's 70th birthday on Friday.

US President Bill Clinton and

his wife Hillary also sent their best wishes, as did Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, while former prime minister Shimon Peres, now on a visit to China, faxed a message. Rabin celebrated her birthday in the company of some 500 friends, including Likud MK

Shaul Amor, whose candidacy in the recent presidential elections was endorsed by the Rabin family.

Her closest relatives and friends dedicated a Leah Rabin grove of 1,000 trees in the Yitzhak Rabin forest near Sha'ar Hagai.

US Reform head expected to support officiation at gay marriages

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the head of the Reform movement in North America, is expected to support rabbinic officiation at gay marriages when the matter comes to a vote by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in June, the weekly newspaper *The Forward* reported Friday.

Yoffie leads the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the powerful synagogue arm of the Reform movement, which tends to be more liberal than its clergy.

Gays are welcome in Reform congregations, and there has been wide support for civil recognition of gay marriages. The CCAR, representing American Reform rabbis, however, has resisted religious sanctioning of these unions. Such rabbinic officiation would undercut the movement's efforts to get recognition in Israel, according to Rabbi Richard Hirsch of Jerusalem, director of the World Union of Progressive Judaism.

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Pro-Khatami mayor of Teheran put under arrest

TEHERAN (Reuters) - Teheran Mayor Gholamhossein Karbaschi has been taken into "temporary detention" by public prosecutors, Iran's official news agency IRNA said yesterday.

The mayor was scheduled to appear before an Iranian court yesterday to answer charges of graft leveled against his administration.

IRNA gave no further details in its brief report and Iran's afternoon television and radio news programs made no mention of the case.

Several of Karbaschi's top aides have been sentenced to long prison terms and floggings by Teheran courts.

The trials have prompted accusations that the officials were

mistreated and held in long solitary confinement during detention.

Karbaschi's supporters accuse the conservative-led judiciary of attacking the mayor for his open support for President Mohammed Khatami in last May's elections. Judiciary officials deny the accusations.

The mayor has angered

landowners and bazaar merchants - many of whom bankrolled the 1979 Islamic revolution - by making them pay serious taxes and by making inroads into their monopolies.

In eight years as mayor, Karbaschi has been widely credited with transforming the capital by building low-cost housing and financing public parks.

Irish talks chairman: Deal imminent

By MARTIN COWLEY

DUBLIN (Reuters) - The chairman of the Irish peace talks, former US senator George Mitchell, said Friday a political settlement is in sight.

The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland met for talks on Friday on the intensifying Northern Irish peace process and also said they are confident an agreement is within reach.

However, Mitchell said later he had been unable to complete a first draft of outline peace proposals he had hoped to present to leaders of the province's pro-British Protestants and pro-Irish Catholics.

He said he had spent many hours in talks to prepare a text to form the agenda for the final days of the negotiations, which are working towards a deadline of next Thursday for an agreement, but the issues were complex.

"As a result we were not able to get the full document ready as we had hoped by this evening," Mitchell told reporters.

"We consulted with the parties and we concluded that it was best not to present anything less than a complete, comprehensive document that covered each of the issues," he added. "We hope very much to be able to complete the process and have the full package ready in the next few days."

Prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of the Irish republic met in London earlier on the fringes of an Asia-Europe summit and pledged "intense contact" over the weekend with the parties in the talks.

"Further progress has been made and they remain of the view that with realistic negotiations an agreement can be reached," a statement issued by the two leaders said.

David Ervine, a spokesman for the pro-British Progressive Unionist Party, said the talks are approaching "a defining moment." He told reporters: "It is going to happen tonight. It has to happen tonight." Sources close to the talks said Mitchell's document would be a "synthesis paper" pulling together for the first time his assessment of where all the parties stood on key proposals.

"Areas of agreement will be there and areas of disagreement will be there. Areas of agreement will be highlighted," one source said.

Eight parties from the province's majority Protestants and minority Roman Catholics have been struggling to agree on new political structures to end a guerrilla conflict that has cost thousands of lives over the past 30 years.

The main sticking points are the powers of a new Northern Ireland parliament under continued British rule, the role of all-Ireland political institutions and promised changes by the Irish

republic in its claims over the province. Irish republicans insist on powerful "cross-border bodies," but Protestant unionists loyal to British rule fear this could blur the border out of existence and act as an all-Ireland government.

Gerry Adams, the leader of the Irish Republican Army's political wing Sinn Fein, said earlier it was not a question of whether an agreement would be reached but when.

"I believe that there can be an agreement within the deadline and if by some chance we miss that deadline, then the agreement is still up there for grabs," he said.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam was also optimistic. "I agree with Gerry Adams and I agree with other participants around the table that we can do it," she said.

Britain took a big step towards healing Catholic wounds of the past by sending an international panel of judges to hold a fresh inquiry into the "Bloody Sunday" killings in Londonderry in 1972.

British soldiers struggling to contain a demonstration by republican civil rights protesters shot dead 13 Catholics in the city.

Catholics denounced an initial inquiry, which concluded that the soldiers fired in self-defense, as a whitewash.



Charles Duelfer, head of the UN inspectors, leaves his Baghdad headquarters with a team member on Friday.

After searching Saddam's palaces:

UN inspectors find nothing

By HASSAN HAFIDH

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - UN weapons inspectors and diplomats have ended their first round of inspections of Iraq's highly sensitive presidential sites and planned to leave Baghdad over the weekend, a UN official said on Friday.

"We have terminated the initial round of the visits to the eight presidential sites," said Jayantha Dhanapala, UN Undersecretary-General for Disarmament.

Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who supervised the

inspections on the Iraqi side, praised the end of the first visits to the presidential sites as a "triumph for the truth over falsehood".

"The group's visit has verified Iraq's credibility and exposed the allegations of America and Britain and their elements in the UN Special Commission [charged with disarming Iraq]," Aziz said in a statement carried by the Iraqi News Agency INA.

"If we review the huge fuss made by senior US and British officials over these sites before signing the accord... and compare that fuss with the current situa-

tion... and after the conclusion of the visit, we would notice the great difference between those lies and the truth," Aziz said.

Aziz said Baghdad would stand by the accord it signed with the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in February, which defused a crisis over the inspections of these sites and averted US-led military strikes against Iraq.

He said the result of the inspections made it "imperative for the UN Security Council to seriously work" for lifting UN sanctions imposed for Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Congressman Gilman:

US must decide on fate of Iran sanctions

By TOM DOGGETT

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A key US lawmaker has told President Bill Clinton his administration has three weeks to decide whether foreign companies are violating a US law prohibiting large investments in Iran's energy sector and if sanctions should be imposed against the companies as a result.

If the administration does not act by then, the chairman of the House International Relations Committee said his panel will look into whether the White House is skirting the law.

"Mr. President, refusing to enforce the law in this case is not an option, not least because your oath of office requires you to see that the laws are faithfully executed," Rep. Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, said in a

letter to Clinton.

Since late last year, the US State Department has been reviewing whether a \$2 billion deal entered into by France's Total, Russia's Gazprom and Malaysia's Petronas to develop a major Iranian gas field violates a US law that seeks to punish companies investing \$20 million or more in Iran's or Libya's energy sector over a 12-month period.

The State Department also has been reviewing whether a separate \$180m. deal in Iran's energy sector between Indonesia's Bakrie Minorak Petroleum and Canada's Bow Valley Energy Ltd. violates the law.

Gilman criticized the administration for taking too long to render a decision in either case.

"Congress is about to begin a three-week recess. If [the law]

remains unimplemented when we reconvene, this committee will begin to explore whether there has been a willful decision to not enforce the law in this matter," Gilman said.

"I regret having to be so blunt, but I am sure you can appreciate that the Congress cannot be indifferent to whether the laws it passes are enforced," he added in his letter.

Gilman told Clinton his committee was "authoritatively informed" by administration officials that the investigation of both deals was concluded in early December of last year, and that there were not outstanding "factual questions" delaying an administration decision in the matter.

"Since that time, we have been waiting for an announcement of your decision," Gilman said. The lawmaker criticized the

administration for repeatedly assuring Congress that a decision was imminent and then offering many explanations for delays.

"At one point, we were told that your senior advisers were distracted by the Kyoto Conference on global warming. Later we were told that the crisis with Iraq necessitated a delay," Gilman said.

The lawmaker pointed out that if Clinton does not want to impose sanctions against the companies, the administration can still determine they violated the law and waive the sanctions.

French Assembly backs bakers

PARIS (Reuters) - The French National Assembly passed a law on Friday requiring bakers to make bread on their premises if they want to call their shop a "bakery".

The issue has caused a major stir in French high streets, pitting traditional bakers against a new generation of industrial bakers who make their loaves or the dough in factories before shipping them into the shops.

The old-fashioned artisans called for a law to protect their cherished name of "boulangerie" after the country's top administrative court last year ruled that existing industry regulations on the title were not legally binding.

The government indicated it was unwilling to introduce legislation,

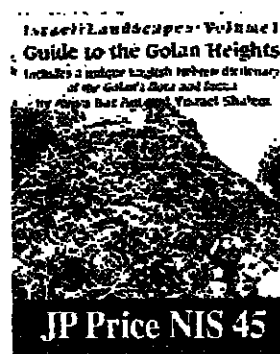
fearing that every type of shopkeeper, from butchers to fishmongers, would seek special legal protection.

However, a bill drawn up by a radical left-wing politician drew cross-party support and passed easily on Friday. It goes before the Senate for further ratification in May.

The legislation insists that at no stage can any of the products going into the bread have been frozen. More and more bakeries in France are buying frozen dough or loaves baked elsewhere rather than make them from scratch on the premises.

Traditional bakers say they need protection from their highly mechanized competitors because of slumping consumption and the industrial bakeries' lower costs

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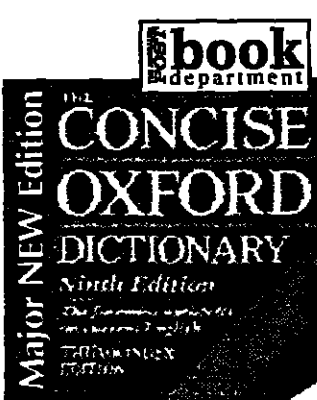
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Euro-Asia summit: Speculators could hurt markets

By ADRIAN CROFT

LONDON (Reuters) — European and Asian leaders have handed a diplomatic victory to Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad by agreeing that speculation in financial markets could be a cause of economic instability.

At the prompting of Mahathir, supported by several European countries, leaders of 25 Asian and European countries made a late change Friday to a statement on the Asian financial crisis to insert a reference to speculation.

Mahathir, a long-standing critic of Western influence, repeatedly blamed speculators last year for fuelling currency turmoil that marked the start of the Asian financial crisis.

In controversial speeches, Mahathir accused financier George Soros of mounting an attack on Malaysia's currency, the ringgit, which tumbled in value.

In the statement on the Asian crisis released after their first day of talks on Friday, leaders at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) said they discussed ways to strengthen the international monetary and financial system.

The discussion focussed on crisis prevention and reducing the vulnerability of domestic financial systems to potential shocks "including speculation-induced instability," it said.

The leaders called for the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) resources to be expanded through a quota increase and early ratification of new back-up credit lines.

They urged the IMF and international regulatory bodies to look at ways to improve transparency in financial and capital markets "including the possibility of monitoring short-term capital flows".

The currencies of several Asian countries plunged in value last year and Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea were forced to seek IMF-led bailouts totalling more than \$100 billion.

"Dr. Mahathir drew attention to the difficulties caused by speculators, that people need to be aware they can start trouble and can bring extra problems when people are already in trouble," Alastair Campbell, British Prime Minister Tony Blair's official spokesman, told reporters.

Mahathir's point was strongly supported by the leaders of several European countries, Martine Reicherts, a spokeswoman for European Commission President Jacques Santer, said.

"It wasn't the people from Asia, it was the people in Europe who insisted on that specific point," she told reporters.

She said the leaders were referring to the impact of speculation not just in the Asian crisis, but in other crises.

Conference sources said later that France and Belgium had supported the reference to speculation.

Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi told reporters that currency speculation had played a large part in the Asian crisis but was not its cause.

"One of the lessons that we must learn from the Asian crisis is that speculation, and currency volatility, will be a big problem for the future of economies," he said.

Prodi said Europe's planned sin-

gle currency, the euro, would be less vulnerable to speculation.

Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok said it was a mistake to think that the Asian crisis was completely due to currency speculation. "The main problem is that there is a good possibility for those who speculate," he told reporters.

"It is important for the international monetary and financial institutions to have a close look into whether they are sufficiently equipped to follow what is happening and to prevent certain events," he said.

But he said speculation should not distract attention from problems such as inadequate legislation and supervision in individual countries.

The leaders' conclusion is surprising because European officials have stressed the need for better financial oversight, trade liberalization and economic reforms to overcome the crisis. The suggestion has been that failings in economic policy in Asia, rather than speculation, were to blame.

It is also out of character for free marketeers in the West to blame speculation.

Nigel Gardner, spokesman for European Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan, said the European Commission was proposing to give 15 million euros (\$16 million) to a proposed trust fund at the World Bank.

The fund would provide technical support to help with financial restructuring in Asian countries hit by the crisis.

He said that was about half of the 30 million euros pledged to the fund so far, which should be enough to launch it.



British Prime Minister Tony Blair addresses the press with his Japanese counterpart Ryutaro Hashimoto at the end of the ASEM II summit in London yesterday. (AP)

Jordanian gets 240 years for Trade Center bombing

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

NEW YORK (AP) — A man convicted of conspiracy for driving a bomb-laden van into the World Trade Center before fleeing the United States was sentenced Friday to 240 years in prison.

US District Judge Kevin Duffy also fined Eyad Ismoil \$250,000 and ordered him to pay \$10 million restitution.

Ismoil, 26, was convicted in November along with Ramzi Yousef, the plot's alleged mastermind, for the February 26, 1993 bombing that killed six people, injured more than 1,000 others, and

shook the US's sense of security. Six men now have been sent to prison for the rest of their lives for the attack.

Duffy rejected an argument by Ismoil's lawyer, Louis Aidala, that his client was coerced into the scheme by Yousef, who wanted to stun the US into curbing its support for Israel.

"You were like Ramzi Yousef, because your god was evil," Duffy said. "I am not talking about an evil god. I am talking about the personification of evil." Prosecutors said Yousef called Ismoil at his residence in Dallas and summoned him to New York City in February

1993. Prosecutors said Ismoil helped load the bomb into a van the day before the attack, then drove with Yousef to the World Trade Center the next morning. There, prosecutors said, Ismoil parked the van in the garage beneath the twin 110-story towers. One of the men lit a fuse, then both fled in another car.

He fled after the attack to Jordan, where he was arrested in 1995.

As Ismoil told Duffy that sometimes innocent people are wrongly convicted, his sobbing mother sat on a wooden bench behind him.

"I'll live and you will add one number to the wrong list, but don't

think that you will ever rest because tyrants always end up in trouble," he said.

Duffy disagreed, saying "You have received a fair trial. You have received an extraordinarily fair trial, something that was quite expensive, something which was done not as a show trial but to give you an opportunity to put forward whatever you wanted to do." Ismoil, a Palestinian, was born in Kuwait, went to high school in Jordan and came to the United States in 1989 to study engineering at Wichita State University in Kansas. He carried a Jordanian passport.

Japanese PM: Economy in severe condition

By THOMAS WAGNER

LONDON (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said Friday his economy is facing one of its worst crises in 50 years, and promised to do everything he could to boost its growth.

But he refused to say whether the stimulus package that his government recently proposed would include tax cuts, even though the US government said that is exactly what is needed, not only by Japan but also by its economically battered neighbors.

"The current Japanese economic situation is probably facing some of the worst factors since World War II. It's in an extremely severe situation," Hashimoto told a small group of reporters at the Asia-Europe summit in London.

Last month, Hashimoto's government unveiled a 16-trillion yen (\$124 billion) economic stimulus package, but it did not contain any pledges to cut Japanese corporate and income taxes.

Many analysts believe such measures are needed to lift Japan's flagging economy and to reduce widespread fears in East Asia's struggling markets that it will

soon fall into a recession. Hashimoto admitted that Japan and the international community are both closely watching what the stimulus package will include, and that was clear in Washington on Friday.

US President Bill Clinton urged Japan to take bold action to address its economic problems, and said that isn't happening because of an apparent battle between reformists in Hashimoto's government and traditionalists in Japan's powerful bureaucracy.

"I think we need to be both respectful, but firm, in urging the Japanese to take a bold course," Clinton said.

For months, his administration has been urging Japan to stimulate its economy with tax cuts and spending programs in an effort to become an engine of growth for the rest of Asia.

Asked directly Friday night about Clinton's criticism, Hashimoto looked irritated and refused to comment.

As currencies tumbled across East Asia on Friday because of more bad news about Japan's economy, Hashimoto used his speech at the summit's opening to

defend his country's economic policies and to offer more money to a fund created years ago to help the Asian financial sector.

Since Hashimoto arrived in London on Thursday, more bad news has emerged about Japan's economy at a time when Indonesia, Thailand and South Korea are struggling with difficult reforms in their \$100 billion IMF bailout and other East Asian countries are working hard not to have to apply for their own.

Japan has been keeping the yen weak on currency markets to help boost their exports. And despite repeated complaints from the United States about its gigantic trade deficit with Japan, the dollar soared to a six-year high against the yen in Tokyo on Friday.

Tokyo stocks also tumbled after the credit rating agency, Moody's Investor Service, signaled it may downgrade Japanese government debt because of the country's weak economy.

As currency markets opened in Asia on Friday, Malaysia's ringgit, the Singapore dollar, the Thai baht, and the Philippine peso all dropped steeply in reaction to the Moody's report.

Civil rights veterans recall King's message

By WOODY BAIRD

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Veterans of the US civil rights movement rededicated themselves to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s principles of nonviolence as they gathered Friday to mark the 30th anniversary of his assassination.

"We saw ourselves as the liberation movement, the freedom movement, a justice movement, a movement that wanted to transform America," said the Rev. James Lawson, a close King associate, at

the opening of a series of memorials and seminars.

He added that, while the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s achieved many of its goals, much work remains to be done, and King set the example of how to do it.

A Friday evening memorial service was scheduled at Mason Temple, the church where King delivered his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech on the eve of his murder. In the speech, which was to be played at the service, King seemed to foretell his death and said

he was unafraid to die. He was killed April 4, 1968, by a rifle shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, now a civil rights museum. King was in Memphis to support a strike by sanitation workers.

James Earl Ray, an escaped convict, pleaded guilty to the murder and is serving a 99-year sentence.

The Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles, who was with King when he was shot, said one of the event's primary goals is to teach young people about the civil rights movement.

"And I'm also talking about 40-year-old young people," Kyles said. "People who are 35 were only 5 when Martin died."

People who are 40 were only 10." The opening session for the pilgrimage was held at Clayborn Temple, a church where the marches for the sanitation strike began and ended.

A march led by King on March 28, 1968, ended violently when a group of rowdy young protesters began breaking windows. That prompted King to return in April, vowing to lead a peaceful march.

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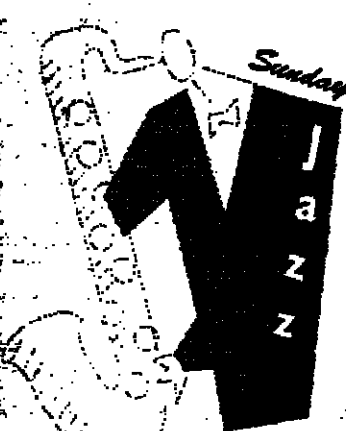
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Black prophets



By David Isaacson

It's good to know that, seven years after his death, Miles Davis is still popular among the jazz-buying public. The six-disc Miles collection reviewed in *The New York Times* section of *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday has already sold out here, despite a price tag of some NIS 400-plus. While NMC promises to order more copies of *Miles Davis Quintet 1965-68*, it has released *Panthalassa*, on which bassist

PANTHALASSA: THE MUSIC OF MILES DAVIS (NMC)

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Bill Laswell remixes Davis tracks from the fertile, turbulent, confused years of 1969-1974.

Those were the years in which Davis not only created fusion but became its greatest practitioner. Fusion was anathema to jazz traditionalists, who looked down their noses at electric rock. So it's somewhat ironic that Davis incorporated the highbrow influences of Stravinsky and Stockhausen.

The rock rhythms are mere parameters for Davis's incredible vision. And when your drummer is the prodigy Tony Williams, those are some parameters. The 15-minute remix of 1969's *In a Silent Way*, which opens the esoterically titled *Panthalassa*, is a condensed but faithful version of a disc which, much like Coltrane's *A Love Supreme*, broods, spiraling with jazz Eastern-inflection and the jazz domain: together with the electric keyboards of Chick Corea, Joe Zawinul and Herbie Hancock, and guitarist John McLaughlin, Davis produced a modern, incantatory symphony that has retained its freshness and relevance for over 30 years.

The other remixes are taken from *Get Up with It* and *On the Corner*. The latter was Davis's most direct appeal to America's young, urban, disaffected blacks. When it was panned by critics, Davis blamed Columbia head Clive Davis for continuing to label him as a "jazz" musician, and for his "racism" in giving marketing priority to, as Miles put it, "sadass" white acts like Chicago.

The standout track, a moody, 13-minute remix of the sinister "He Loved Him Madly," predicts the '80s bass techniques of Prince and the menacing techno

beat of today's dance floor. On "He Loved Him Madly," the great trumpeter sounds like triphopper Tricky's godfather.

The strange liner notes — essays from a black activist writer, a utopian and a Hendrix biographer, to say nothing of a verse from *The Last Poets* — are a lush reminder of the psychedelic age.

NINA SIMONE was also ahead of her time — elements of today's music echo her aesthetic of 35 years ago.

On "See-Line Woman," she expresses her heritage through a tribal, African-sounding rhythm. This beat is even more pronounced on "Be My Husband," its starkness emphasized by the sole accompaniment of a drummer.

Like the other 14 tracks — selected by Dianne Reeves — on *Ultimate Nina Simone*, these songs were recorded in the mid-'60s, before the headlong rush of artists returning to their roots.

Conversely, many of these songs are, in their intensity, lyricism and contemporary Village folkiness, reminiscent of the young Bob Dylan.

Simone confronts the whole issue of black identification head on. Singing a capella on "Images," she fantasizes: "If she could dance naked under palm trees / And see her image in the river," she would appreciate her color. "Four Women" opens with the lyric "My skin is black," followed by the words "My life has been rough."

Whether unaccompanied or fronting Hal Mooney's orchestra, her powerful voice and dramatic piano playing dominate.

At a time when so many great female singers were fronting those awful mushy orchestral '60s arrangements, Simone's integrity was supported by a legendary willfulness. Thus she retains the spiritual essence of "Take Me to the Water" and the playful blues texture of "Blue on Purpose."

Of the jazz standards, she captures Gershwin's operatic sense of tragedy: on "I Loves You, Porgy," and it's a compliment to Billie Holiday that she delivers her heart-breaking laments "Don't Explain" and "Tell Me More and More and Then Some" as though they were her own.

Of the standards covered by big-name rock stars, her "Wild Is the Wind" is a southern Gothic compared with David Bowie's fine electric cover, but her "Don't Smoke in Bed" sounds depressing against a large, reverb-steaming, "sultry" version. "Blue Wine" is wonderfully understated: Who better than Simone to demonstrate that, for emotional drama, you don't need to resort to the hysteria of the 70s rock which gave Elkie Brooks 15 minutes of fame in Britain.

This disc covers a mere three years, yet it is, by virtue of Simone's own unmitigated diversity, quite a broad selection. And it includes enough lesser-known numbers to attract those already well stocked up on Nina Simone.

Channel 8 airs a profile of Nina Simone on Wednesday at 10:55 a.m.



Gabi Amrani won the Best Actor award for his performance in 'The Whore from Ohio.'

'Murder' knocks them dead

By HELEN KAYE

The exclusive and media-shy director of *'Murder'* was positively effusive on Wednesday night.

"Thank you very much," he said when he went up on stage at the Noga Theater in Jaffa to receive the 1998 Israel Theater Prize (ITP) for Creativity. However, when he returned to pick up the statuette for Best Playwright, he contented himself with a brief "Thanks."

Then Levin returned to the stage as proxy for actress Gita Munitz who won Best Actress for her second consecutive year for her portrayal of the title role in Levin's *The Whore from Ohio*.

"For Gita you have to say 'Thank you very much,'" presenter Orna Porat told him, and the packed theater erupted in laughter and applause.

But Levin got his playwright award for *'Murder' (Retzah)*, which went on to sweep the awards with Best Production;

Director — Omri Nitzan; Music — Eran Dinnur; and Lighting design — Nir Sadeh. *'Whore'* also got two more prizes — Best Actor for Gabi Amrani and Best Supporting Actor for Rami Baruch as father and son, respectively.

Both plays are Cameri productions but Baruch, Munitz, and some others were not on hand because Cameri general manager Noam Semel, despite an agreement not to do so, had scheduled performances of Cameri plays.

"It just worked out that way," he said lamely, when asked why. Avital Dicker picked up Best Supporting Actress for her role as Honey in Beit Lessin's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* That theater's production, in conjunction with the Beersheva Theater, of *The Venetian Twins*, won Best Comedy, Best Translation — Nissan Aloni; and Best Costume — Ruth Dar.

Dar shared the costume prize with Anna Khruschova of the Geshen Theater for *City — Tales of Odessa*, which also earned

Alexander (Sasha) Lisiansky the award for Best Set Design.

Amnon Wolf won Most Promising Actor for playing the gangster Kriks in *Frum*, while a very excited Naomi Frumowitz accepted the same award for her performance in the title role of *Antigone* at the Khan Theater.

'It's All a Fairytale' won Best Musical.

The ITP has not been free of controversy since it started three years ago. Last year, Haifa Theater stayed out because most of the academy hadn't seen most of its plays. This year Habimah stayed away because general manager Yaakov Agmon doesn't like the way the ITP is set up and managed.

Presenters Orna Porat and Hanna Marxon both regretted the absence of Habimah productions. Marxon, who won the ITP Life Achievement award, said that "at a time of such deep division in the country, it's a real pity that the theater community cannot celebrate together."

Cameron attacks 'Titanic' critic

By SHARON WAXMAN

There's no place like Hollywood for ego battles, and there's nothing like a fistful of Oscars and a box office record to get the juices flowing for a fight.

Little surprise, then, that *Titanic* director James Cameron — notorious for his sledgehammer approach to problem-solving even before his film won 11 Oscars last week — took a blunt instrument to *Los Angeles Times* critic Kenneth Turan over the reviewer's dislike of his film.

In a lengthy diatribe published in the *Los Angeles Times*, Cameron virtually invited the paper to fire Turan, who panned the film for a second time two days before the Oscar ceremony. The director concluded: "Forget about Clinton — how do we impeach Kenneth Turan?"

"Turan's critical sensibility is the worst kind of ego-driven elitism," Cameron wrote. "Poor Kenny. He sees himself as the lone voice crying in the wilderness, righteous but not heeded by the blind and dumb 'great unwashed' around him. It must be a great burden to be cursed with such clear vision when your misguided flock bray past you, like lemmings, unimpressed."

Cameron continued: "Nobody's interested in the vitriolic ravings of a bitter man who attacks and rips apart movies that the great majority of viewers find well worth their time and money. The newspaper's managing editor, some of the letters — 'severely edited in most cases,' according to an accompanying editor's note — ran alongside Cameron's manifesto. Most readers seemed to be taking the director's side."

Turan did not return calls seeking comment. Lindsay said: "Of course we're not going to fire Kenny Turan. He can say whatever he wants." He added: "I think Kenny has a point, and I think Cameron has a point. There is no right and wrong; it's part of the dialogue that goes on." (The Washington Post)

Musica incognita

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The End of an Era" is not only the title Tomer Lev has given his current concert lecture in which he and his musical friends focus on the music of Richard Strauss and his relatively unknown contemporaries. "The end of an era" could also sum up the extraordinary work Lev has been doing during the past four years in rediscovering and performing neglected chamber musical works.

As Lev's *The Verdict of History — Great Masters & Their Forgotten Contemporaries* series is about to reach its conclusion, Lev is planning to devote his time next season to seeking out neglected orchestral music. His series will leave the chamber music domain and become a part of the next season of the Israel Camerata Jerusalem.

This means that Lev will continue to search for unheard of works and composers but it will be more difficult for him to travel around the country with his new program. But until that happens, music lovers can enjoy Lev's latest venture into musical terra incognita, this time focusing on the end of the romantic era.

The program (tonight at kibbutz Mizra regional hall and Tuesday at the Tel Aviv Museum at 8:30) presents *lieder* by various obscure composers such as Alexander von Ritter, Joseph Marx, Robert Gound and Joseph Forester. Lev explains that "most of the *lieder* performed in this program were found in two *lieder* collections from Vienna at the beginning of the century. Of course both the collections are out of print and cannot be purchased, but one can find them in specialty libraries."

Lev adds that "you don't have to be a great composer to write a first-rate lied. The lied is a three-minute masterpiece. You don't need to know how to write symphonies to write a simple tune for voice and piano, which is why there are so many lied composers, many of whom were undoubtedly amateurs, yet very good ones at that."

The second of these lied collections is an actual engagement calendar "in which there is a new song for every week. Obviously this is a clear indication that *lieder* were very much a part of daily life at the time."

There will also be a few songs by Alma Mahler in the program. "Alma was a fine composer but when she married Gustav Mahler, he demanded that there be only one composer in the house, so she stopped writing. But at one time, in a pacification act during a stormy period in their relation-

successful film in box office history was no reason to recommend it. "Restaurant critics don't send couples seeking that special anniversary meal straight to McDonald's on the 'everybody goes there, it must be the best theory,' he said.

The critic also offered his analysis of *Titanic's* phenomenal success, saying, "*Titanic* is not an example of Hollywood's success, it's an emblem of its failure," showing "how desperate the mainstream audience... has become for anything even resembling old-fashioned entertainment."

Cameron fumed that the critic was too arrogant to admit he had made a mistake in slamming the film. "He is now desperate to account for the phenomenon of its unprecedented global critical and commercial success," the director wrote. "To do so, he has settled on the outrageous conclusion that since *Titanic* is garbage (because it has been spoken and so it must be), then everything else around it — every other film in recent years — must be worse garbage."

Cameron goes on to say: "We now see his true heart. It's not that he doesn't like some movies, as is a critic's prerogative. It's that he doesn't like all movies."

Turan's critique provoked more letters to the editor than anything the newspaper had run in its arts section in recent years, according to John Lindsay, the newspaper's managing features editor. Some of the letters — "severely edited in most cases," according to an accompanying editor's note — ran alongside Cameron's manifesto. Most readers seemed to be taking the director's side.

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A vocal beauty to break your heart

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

Even though our male singers seem to get away with a lack of talent, Israel continues to turn out women whose voices could break your heart with their beauty.

NISHAR LI SHIR
(I Have a Song Left)
Meital Trabelsi
NMC

HAIM MESHEL ATZMI
(A Life of My Own)
Ben Artzi
Relicon
**

Newcomer Meital Trabelsi shows every sign of joining the ranks of those women who can take life's smallest moments and turn them into art.

She's blessed with an absolutely gorgeous voice. It's a nice irony that her debut album, "Nishar li Shir" ("I Have a Song Left"), opens with the beautifully articulated line "When you speak with me, you're mute and your words are quiet and tired."

In fact, this first song is my

favorite on the album, a terrific foot to put forward at the start of one's recording career.

One warning before you go to the shops to look the CD over, though: The cover of *Nishar li Shir* is misleading. Trabelsi is seen smiling with transcendent joy, floating among bubbles against a sky-blue background. It's a pretty image, but the light-hearted impression might lead one to believe that the music inside is of a similar nature. These songs are far heavier than a bubble, and that's the album's biggest problem.

This disc gives Trabelsi's talent very little room to maneuver, focusing largely on feelings of sorrow and confusion and staying, mostly, within the realm of soft pop. This is a voice that could rock 'n' roll with the best and could easily express the kind of joy we see in the album art.

It's to be hoped that Trabelsi gives herself the chance next time.

IT WAS inevitable that the generation which grew up with Aviv Gefen would eventually make music, importing what they learned at Gefen's feet into their own work.

We saw the first signs with last year's *Nimrod vehabodedim* ("Nimrod and the Lonely").

It must be said that this year's entry, Ben Artzi, boasts many more influences than did the copycat Nimrod, including his own father, uber-pop star Shlomo Artzi. The elder Artzi performs a duet with his son on *Haim meshel atzmi* ("A Life of My Own"), and much



Meital Trabelsi

of the music — which was written by Ben, as were the lyrics — sounds strikingly like Shlomo's body of work.

Other moments from pop history appear throughout the disc. The track "Kavru ot" ("They Buried Me") features a peppy little section taken straight from the Lennon/McCartney book of song-writing, coming after the song's chorus: "And the grave digger is God/ crying over us from above."

Unfortunately, the lyrics lack the kind of irony needed to make the sudden carnival-like atmosphere appropriate.

Be that as it may, the Gefen effect is the strongest influence on Artzi's debut release. Similar to much of Gefen's early work, the

14 songs are straightforward pop pieces, featuring classic arrangements and melodies, the lyrics and delivery coated with a patina of self-pity as Artzi's vocals strain their way to emotional peaks that sound as if the 21-year-old's vocal cords may never forgive him the effort.

I wouldn't be surprised if readers are tiring of my constant harping that many of our singers can't sing. Unfortunately, it comes up often because it is so often true, and Artzi is a further example of the trend.

There are artists for whom this doesn't matter — they either recognize and work within their limitations or use their limitations to express something fresh. Artzi does not number among them. Moreover, the album, while

technically good, offers nothing that new, interesting, or done so well as to make us overlook its derivative nature.

It would perhaps be better if Artzi focused on his skills as a musician (he plays piano, keyboard, bass and acoustic guitar on the album) and left the singing and songwriting to others.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: The words of what great American poet were translated by Naomi Shemer and performed by Meital Trabelsi?

A: The last track on Trabelsi's debut album is Walt Whitman's elegy to US president Abraham Lincoln, "O Captain! My Captain!" It was recorded at a memorial for late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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Murder by bureaucracy

The conviction of French bureaucrat Maurice Papon for crimes against humanity last week may be long overdue – but better late than never. The 10-year prison sentence may appear somewhat derisory, given Papon's crimes, but at his age, it is likely to be a life sentence anyway.

Fifty years after the events, the sentence may serve to demonstrate to new generations that, while revenge and anger are human emotions that may dissipate with time, justice should be dispassionate and relentless. The lesson to the war criminals of today and tomorrow should be that they can run and run, and maybe even escape, but they can never hide from the just pursuit of history's judgment.

Justice is a concept common to all cultures irrespective of their religions and social mores, though often integrated into them. A Cambodian knows why Pol Pot is evil no less than a Jew knows why Hitler was. Even the war criminals themselves admit – by their attempts to hide, to cover up, or to lie about their involvement – that they are fugitives from justice.

Papon chose arrogance – claiming that by becoming a Vichy puppet he had helped save France and French Jews from an even worse fate under the Nazis. That line was a transparent lie, as the judges and jury decided, and an insult to the citizens who tried to save France by resistance.

Papon's attempt to separate the deportations he organized from the exterminations that followed them was a fine piece of legalistic casuistry. It is understandable as a court defense perhaps, but is as morally bankrupt as the bureaucratic banality of evil it exemplifies.

Opponents of the Papon trial argued that it is inhuman to pursue men in their 80s and 90s for sins of 50 years ago. This is misplaced sympathy. While such pursuit is carried out only for crimes against humanity, Papon's were precisely sins for which there is no forgetting and no

forgiving. Guilty men like Papon – who was a post-war minister – have led the long and fulfilled lives which were brutally denied to the innocent victims they shipped off to institutionalized murder.

Leaders who organize genocide and extermination, and generals who carry them out, deserve the wrath of justice. The trial of Papon, one of the last ever of the Nazi collaborators, makes it clear why faceless minions also deserve it. These are the ones who always whine they were only doing their duty, or obeying orders, or "trying to save France" when some gross obscenities are laid before them for explanation.

Papon was the quintessential bureaucrat – a man too refined to stain his hands with the crudity of blood, but not sufficiently immoral to run a Nazi-designed "Jewish Questions Office" as the second-ranking Vichy official in Bordeaux. It strains credulity to imagine he never pondered what might be the Nazi answers to the "Jewish questions" he was so efficiently administering.

Meanwhile, by one of those strange coincidences of history, French courts last week also stripped Jean Marie Le Pen of his civil rights for two years, for assaulting a woman political opponent.

Here is a thuggish modern politician who still proclaims that the crimes Papon helped expedite are a "detail of history." A man who not only punches a political opponent and kicks demonstrators, but one who makes it clear he is both an antisemite and a racist, offers a timely reminder of where the fascist road begins, just as Papon is a reminder of where it ends.

French justice has been tardy for decades, traumatized for too long by the shame of Vichy. Last week it displayed some of the spirit of the Resistance, making some amends for the past, and indicating that it is ready to defend the future.

Designer peace process

There is something unreal about the Irish peace process which makes one wonder if it is real or shadow theater – scripted by an Irish playwright, of course.

With roots stretching eight centuries deep, the conflict between the Celts and the English has had mythic and heroic proportions to rival anything from ancient Greece. Yet this weekend, British, Irish, and Northern Irish leaders were fretting they may not have the problem solved by next Thursday – as if mythic proportion has given way to Monty Python.

The chairman of the negotiations, former US senator George Mitchell, is drawing up a set of proposals for a peace agreement to the leaders of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestants and pro-Irish Catholics. This is supposed to lead to final settlement proposals early next week, and they would become the agenda for the last few days of the talks.

It has often been said that if Israel's neighbors

were Denmark, Belgium, and Holland, a Middle East peace settlement could be concluded over a morning coffee. It seems the British and the Irish are attempting just such a feat, and the probability of its succeeding must remain dubious.

As if to underline the possibility that cracks are being papered over rather than filled with reinforced concrete, both sides seemed to shrug off as irrelevant the interception of a car bomb at Dublin docks on its way to Britain. The fact that the terrorists represented one of those splinters of a splinter group, rather than one of the participants in the negotiations, suggested that the peace process would not even falter in its rush to epiphany.

We, for our part, must wish the peacemakers the very best of luck as they race against their self-imposed deadlines of mere days. However, this kind of designer peace process still seems a bit too slick and simple to be true, and the car bomb a bit too real to be ignored.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APOLOGY OWED

Sir, – Moshe Arens's article "No contrition, lots of chutzpah" (March 27) left me rather confused. He takes the British to task for their activities during the thirty years of Mandate and then he goes on to praise the Swiss and the French for doing some heart-searching regarding their activities during the war years.

Perhaps the reason that the Swiss are doing heart searching is that they have much for which to repent. Arens writes about "...turning back Jewish refugees at their border." He does not mention that the number was about 30,000! Can one imagine the agony of these people – our brothers and sisters, our uncles and aunts – who deluded

themselves that they had reached safety, only to be callously turned away to a certain death and all the suffering which preceded it. Possibly the French are also doing their heart-searching because there is much reason for it. Is it not a well known fact that the Germans were most successful in their nefarious activities where they got the most help from the local population?

But while the Swiss and the French were busy producing reasons for future heart-searching, the British were doing the only thing which could really put an end to the suffering of European Jewry – fighting the Germans! Let us not forget that the British were the only country which fought the

Germans from the very beginning of the war to the very end.

And in the period leading up to the war, Britain agreed to admit 10,000 Jewish refugee children (of which the writer was one) to its shores in an operation later to be known as "Kindertransport." This was a great humanitarian act – no other nation did anything similar – and of far more use to the heart-searching of which Arens so strongly approves.

If apologizing is the order of the day then I think an apology is due from our former defense and foreign minister for the one-sided way in which he relates to Britain in his article.

ERIC GUTWILLIG

Haifa.

SPEAK HIS MIND

Sir, – Dr. Jacob Rosin's objections (Letters to the Editor, March 22) to publishing Daoud Kuttub's anti-Israeli articles in *The Jerusalem Post* are misplaced. A old military adage states that one should never lose contact with your allies or your enemies.

Kuttub can be criticized on two grounds. Firstly he seems to be parroting the viewpoints of Israel's leftists which he seems to think are acceptable to considerable segment of the Israeli public; and secondly, Kuttub gives the definite impression that he is

keeping a tight rein on his own thoughts which are much more deadly than Israel's leftists. Kuttub should be encouraged to speak his mind.

MACABEE DEAN

Ramat Gan.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On April 5, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported the first unofficial telephone conversation between Palestine and Europe took place when Gershon Agron, the *Post's* founder and editor, spoke from his home with the correspondent of the Palestine Telegraphic Agency in Berlin. The *Post* was told that apparently the official Nazi boycott against the Jews will not be resumed "in

view of the cessation of atrocity propaganda."

50 years ago: On April 5, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem was subjected to a heavy machine-gun, mortar and artillery attack by the British Army. Later in the day British soldiers turned a six-pounder cannon on besieged Yemin Moshe.

25 years ago: On April 5, 1973,

The Jerusalem Post reported that the Minister of Police, Shlomo Hillel, scored fellow cabinet ministers who discussed pending government policy decisions in public. He was referring to pronouncements by ministers Moshe Dayan and Haim Bar-Lev on the pros and cons of allowing Israelis to buy land in administered areas.

Alexander Zvielli



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Remembering Nehama

'Servants of time – are the slaves of slaves.'

A servant of the Lord – only he is truly free.

Year after year, as we studied the Ten Commandments together, my revered Bible teacher Prof. Nehama Leibowitz would return to the above poem, penned by the medieval philosopher and pay-rabbi Yehuda Halevy.

Sitting in her worn, tiny living room on hard benches, surrounded by hundreds of books and gily-onoi (Nehama's own famous Bible study sheets) we students secretly would smile at each other. She never realized just how accurately Rabbi Halevy's words described her own self.

Nehama, who died one year ago this week at age 92, taught us that fashion – in dress, behavior and speech – meant slavery to time. What's "in" or "in style" is not important she railed: only that which is timeless is of value.

Indeed, Nehama the master teacher was impervious to shifting tides and fads. She wore the same brown suit and hat for decades; refused to consider any material upgrading of the spartan living room furniture which served as her classroom (the benches and chairs had to be set up just so!); upheld and fiercely argued for biblical standards in morality; and maintained a rigorous schedule of Torah study and teaching. Because Torah is timeless.

Nehama did not put stock in transmutative spiritual experiences nor appreciate emotional highs in religion. The thunder and lightning of revelation at Mt. Sinai, or the fleeting thrill of a rapturous hassidic dance, ultimately were ineffective, Nehama felt. After all, it didn't take long before the Jews who experienced Sinai debased themselves in worship of the Golden Calf. She would point out emphatically.

In place of passion and sentimentality, Nehama preferred self-discipline and repetition. Character, she was wont to say, is

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formed through constant learning and tenacious devotion to good deeds. Religious belief is a function of intellectual sophistication and discovery, and clear thinking. She demanded that of herself, and of her students. And we loved her for it.

There were no half truths in Nehama's life, nor could she countenance less than full devotion to the cause. For this reason, she was completely impatient with

Holiness resides in human morality directed by God

Jewish life in the Diaspora, which she viewed as Jewishly false, dangerous and "thank God, no longer necessary." When I informed her more than 15 years ago that I was returning to Canada to study after having studied here in Israel, and with her, for several years, Nehama became apologetic.

The Diaspora was where assimilation devoured Jews daily, Nehama passionately believed. She answered letters, and marked Bible study sheets sent to her by hundreds of students abroad, mainly out of pity and concern. For Nehama, the Jewish future resided only in the Land of Israel, and ever since the establishment of the state she consistently refused to travel and teach abroad.

IN Bible-teaching methodology Nehama was a revolutionary. For her, the entire *Tanach* (Old Testament) was the sourcebook, even when studying but one chapter. Heaven help the student who would arrive at class without a complete *Tanach* in hand! She would not consider a Talmudic passage, an excerpt from a Midrash, nor a late twentieth-century commentary without first understanding the textual issue or

difficulty that lay at the root. Asking "ma kashah leRashi?" (what's Rashi's difficulty?) – became, thanks to Nehama, the standard modus operandi in Israeli classrooms. Make the student think, not memorize! At the core of Nehama's religious conscience was personal ethics. Her very last lectures in life, in which I had the privilege of participating, were devoted to the studying of morality in thought and action, based on chapters 21-23 in Exodus.

Despite the fact that the *parashat hashavua* advanced weekly, Nehama couldn't get away from *Parashat Mishpatim*, as if she knew this was her last time around to expound upon the biblical prohibitions against duplicity, prevarication and the telling of lies, the causing of mental or verbal anguish, and the mistreatment or abuse of neighbors and strangers.

Idols were another one of Nehama's pet peeves – idols such as money, glamour, technology, even sports. "Polytheism is alive and well in modern society," she would warn. Idolatrous preachers with sharp tongues parading as holy men frightened her too.

That's why Moses dashed the first tablets with the Ten Commandments, she explained in her last lesson, the night before entering the hospital, quoting Rabbi Meir Simha of Dvinsk. Holiness resides in human morality directed by God, not in idolatrous devotion to icons of our own making. Moses sought to warn.

Similarly, Nehama taught her students critical thinking, integrity and honesty – inspiring us to study more and be better people.

Lengthy eulogies and elaborate words of praise regularly are engraved on the long, sleek tombstones in Jerusalem's Har Tamir cemetery. But one such, one-year-old, slab of limestone stands out for its simplicity.

Three modest words suffice to record the deceased's powerful life and times: "Nehama Leibowitz, Teacher."

The View from the East

DAOUD KUTTUB

Fadi and I

Fadi Abu Sada works with me. When he is not doing sound work in the studio or narrating a TV report, he helps me around the office.

Fadi is from Beit Sahur. During his second year in college at a nearby Arab university, his family called him back home to work to help pay for his brother's medical school tuition in France. His brother had received 97% on his matriculation exam (*tawjihi*) and was promised a scholarship. But even after he had begun his third year, no one had bothered to fulfill the scholarship promise.

When asked to explain, the Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education apologized and said that scholarships pledged by former French president Francois Mitterand during a visit to the West Bank, do not cover medical studies.

While working in his family's olive-wood factory in the daytime, Fadi volunteered to work at night for a local Palestinian radio station, Radio Bethlehem 2000. His program, a quiz show based on Palestinian riddles and proverbs, quickly became the station's number-one show. Broadcast every Sunday night, Fadi averages over 150 calls during his 90-minute program which starts at 9 p.m.

That is where I met Fadi. He was looking for new young talent. I offered him a job at our educational television station. He quickly learned to be a sound man and is also training to become a reporter. He also would like to start his own quiz show on television.

Fadi commutes everyday from Beit Sahur with our cameraman Issa. Punctual and committed to his work, Fadi is the first to arrive

and often among the last to leave. He even came to work when it snowed a few weeks ago.

Since starting to work for us, I have been trying to get him and Issa a permit so that they won't have to take that long one-hour route around Jerusalem. Popularly known as the "Valley of Fire" road, this convoluted route was created after the closure made it necessary for Palestinians to travel from Bethlehem to Ramallah without entering Jerusalem.

I tried to arrange a press card for him. I remember how happy he was when we heard that his and Issa's applications had been approved by Israeli security, one of the prerequisites for a Palestinian to get Israeli press credentials. With an Israeli Government press card, they can get a permit to enter Jerusalem. That would cut their travel time in half and save them an average of NIS 10 a day on the long round trip.

Fadi was even looking forward to seeing the movie *Titanic*, which is only shown in Israeli cinemas.

But despite the security clearance, Fadi and Issa never got a press card, or a permit. Apparently, a new regulation makes those who work for private Palestinian radio and TV stations ineligible for the coveted credentials. I tried to plead with the Government Press Office, but to no avail. I turned to the Civil Administration spokesman, again appealing for an official Israeli body to recognize these young media people, but again to no avail. Issa and Fadi have neither press credentials nor permits.

Fadi has resisted the temptation to try and circumvent Israeli checkpoints. Every day hundreds

of workers do exactly that, often in clear view of the Israeli army. Even Issa every now and then decides to take the shorter and cheaper way to work by trying to get past the checkpoints. Sometimes, however, like last week, a soldier held him at gun point, pointing his weapon at Issa's head for 15 minutes, before letting him go back. He finally got to work, but quite shaken up and late.

Despite all these problems, Fadi never stops smiling and is not vengeful. He was so excited recently after talking to an Israeli settler on an Internet chat program. When we received a request for Palestinian media people to meet Israeli counterparts, Fadi was one of the first to volunteer to meet Israelis.

Last Tuesday, however, Fadi's smile disappeared. Like he does every day, Fadi took the service, a shared taxi, from Ramallah to Beit Sahur. The vehicle was stopped by soldiers at the Kalandiya refugee camp. Apparently some stones had been thrown at the soldiers and the van Fadi was riding in gave them their first opportunity to exact some revenge.

The passengers were asked to get out of the van and made to stand facing the wall with their hands up in the air for an hour. The weather was quite cold.

When Fadi told me the story the next day, his major complaint was that the van was forced to leave. "Even after the soldiers let us go, I had no way to get to Beit Sahur that late in the evening. I was stuck in the middle of nowhere."

Eventually, and luckily, another Bethlehemite driving by noticed Fadi and gave him a ride home...

The PM's hametz

DANIEL BLOCH

Continuing the peace process, based on the Oslo Accords is first and foremost in Israel's interest, but certainly not due to American pressure.

We can somehow survive a rift with the Clinton Administration, but only if it is based on a stand that is justified by vital security interests and supported by a national consensus. We cannot base our reluctance to continue the peace process with the Palestinians on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition problems. If the choice is Clinton or Kletter, Albright or Sharon, the next phase of withdrawal or the NRP, then there is no alternative but to choose peace over internal politics.

There is a firm majority of public opinion behind the continuation of the peace process, as long as the nation's security needs are met. The same applies to the vast majority of American Jews. Leaders of the American Jewish organizations are not impressed by the cries of "wolf" sent out by Bibi's propaganda advisers. No Finkelstein, Bar-Ilan or Bazak, and not even Netanyahu himself, can logically convince anyone that a 2 percent withdrawal will more than a 9, 10 or 11% withdrawal endanger Israel's existence and bring a calamity upon us.

If the survival of the Jewish state depends upon 2% of West Bank territory, then we are really in very bad shape.

There is strong support for the government's reciprocity demands in implementing the agreements. There is a justified feeling that we gave the Palestinians more than we got from them, especially with regard to the struggle against terrorism. There is no doubt that Netanyahu's firm stand on this issue forced Arafat to carry out more earnestly the required measures against terrorism.

Yet there is still a big gap between taking a stand against terrorism and actually implementing that stance. We have to ask ourselves, did Israel succeed completely in fighting against terrorism when we were in charge of all the territories? And did we completely succeed in restraining Jewish extremists?

No Finkelstein, Bar-Ilan, Bazak or even Netanyahu can convince anyone that an additional 2 percent of a withdrawal would bring a calamity upon us

We cannot ignore the dangers of terrorism which could be enhanced by a further withdrawal. But any objective expert would tell you that the present stalemate is far more dangerous because it poses the risk of bringing about a renewed intifada, the deterioration of our relations with Jordan and Egypt, and the alienation of European and American support. The stalemate could also hamper our vital quest for international cooperation against the dangers posed by Iran and Iraq.

The continuation of the peace process, on the other hand, would ensure the renewal of a more favorable atmosphere for investment in Israel, business cooperation and a resumption of tourism to our area. It would help the United States and Britain renew the coalition against those who threaten stability and coexistence in the Middle East.

The continuation of the peace process is also important for our domestic needs. Without it we could slide into deep recession and severe unemployment. The damage to the delicate balance in our society will be greater than the need to restrain a few extremists among the West Bank settlers.

Netanyahu's government should be the last to want to forge a rift between inhabitants of development areas, who mostly voted for the Likud, and settlers in the territories.

The prime minister has no choice but to face this moment of truth before burning the hametz. He cannot pass over this dilemma and leave it open until after the holidays. He knows well that he has a majority both in the Knesset and among the public for the peace process. Most of the noisy antagonists from the Right will continue to support his government because, from their point of view, the alternative is even worse.

In any case, he can balance any defection from the Right with tacit support from the Left. And even the threat of the fall of his government would be a blessing for Netanyahu. He could try to form a coalition of national unity. This would gain him the overwhelming support of the silent majority that detests the growing strength of the combined religious and nationalist extremists. If this effort should fail, Netanyahu would stand to gain more if early elections were called because of his desire to continue the peace process, than he would if elections were called because of his reluctance to fight the extreme right-wing.

مكتبة القدس



Marc Chagall: Mother and Child, mixed-media, 1973 (\$120,000-\$160,000 at Christie's Tel Aviv)

Chagall's other Muse

Christie's Tel Aviv spring sale of 19th- and 20th-century art, scheduled for April 15, is replete with surprises and historical curiosities. Two late Chagall gouaches, for instance, exchange the usual image of first wife Bella for that of his second consort, Virginia Haggard McNeil. *Mother and Child*, gouache and mixed-media, 1973, is clearly a depiction of Virginia and Chagall's infant son David McNeil, though the catalog is silent on the content. This work was clearly made before Virginia left the artist and certainly before he married Vava, who did her best to expunge Virginia and son from living memory (\$120,000-\$160,000).

The image in the mixed-media *Artist and his Model*, 1975, is clearly not of Bella, while the brush in Chagall's hand appears to double for his erection (\$140,000-\$180,000).

The most expensive Chagall in this sale is an oil with a Bella image from 1971, reproduced in this column last week (\$300,000-\$400,000).

A remarkably fine example of Reuven Rubin's early naive style is a powerfully realized oil from 1924, a still life with potted plants, grapes and figs which symbolizes the austerity of life in an optimistic pioneering period. Given its undoubted influence on the Tel Aviv school, I predict this seminal work will at least reach its high estimate of \$90,000.

The most unusual oil on offer is a Moise Kisting of fields near Saint-Tropez, painted 71 years ago in a style that presages that of Britain's Paul Nash. Its rich high-contrast palette and unusual lighting should excite competition

AT THE AUCTIONS

(\$50,000-\$70,000). Another well-brought-off Kisting of the head of a boy has a high estimate of \$30,000.

A rare offering here is a 1983 Leon Kossoff oil of a London suburban scene (\$480,000-\$120,000).

And there's a lovely — as usual — Liliane Klapisch interior from 1980 (\$12,000-\$16,000). Flower pieces by Yosi Bergner, Manne-Katz, Kisting and Rubin are among the 100 lots on offer.

A TWO-SESSION sale of over 400 lots of Judaica to be held at Sotheby's Tel Aviv on April 15, promises to be one of the most impressive ever held here. It comprises rare synagogue and Torah appurtenances, scrolls, lavishly-bound prayer books, lamps, spice boxes and wooden and porcelain figures, all of remarkably high standard, as well as some rare paintings by Jewish artists, chiefly of Jewish subjects.

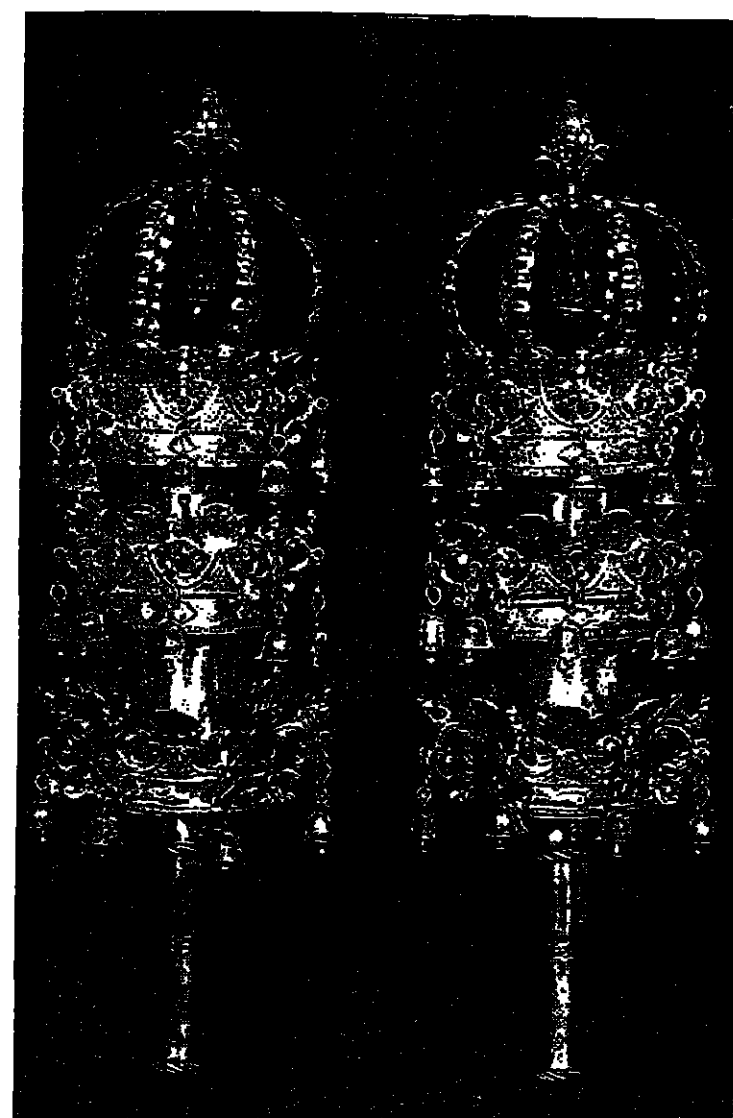
Especially eye-catching is a monumental Hanukkah lamp with a proscenium as the backwall, made in Vienna in 1860 (\$30,000-\$40,000). A parcel-gilt Torah crown from Poland, circa 1800, has an estimate of \$20,000-\$30,000 while a late 19th-century silver Austro-Hungarian Torah crown, also fit for a king, has an estimate of \$6,000-\$10,000. All these may exceed their estimates.

Even more valuable is a remarkable pair of three-tiered parcel-gilt silver Torah finials from

Altona, circa 1760, with a healthy estimate of \$100,000-\$150,000. A 19th-century *mizrah* papercut by Menashe Weinstein has a top estimate of \$30,000. A Persian manuscript *shiviti* amulet from 1855 carries an estimate of \$8,000-\$10,000. Humorous candlesticks and nutcrackers in the form of caricatures of Jewish financiers and pedlars have estimates of \$5,000-\$7,000.

A Jewish Family, an elegiac oil from 1917 by Maurice Minkowski (1889-1941, killed by a tram in Lodz) is possibly one of his finest works (\$70,000-\$100,000). A typical oil of a young rabbi in a *streimel* by Isidor Kaufmann (1853-1921) should easily make its low estimate of \$70,000. Another Kaufmann of a young student carries a similar estimate. Two portraits of elderly rabbis by the Austrian painter Aloisius Priecheufried (1867-1953) have minimum estimates of \$15,000 and should go higher. A charming Chagall watercolor of a rabbi with a Torah has an estimate of \$50,000-\$70,000. Other noteworthy pictures and portraits are by Gottlieb, Manne-Katz, Eric Doltch and Lazar Krestin.

SOTHEBY'S WEEK-LONG sales of Asian art was a smashing success, racking up a record \$17m. and placing Indian, Himalayan and Southeast Asian works in the forefront of the Asian market. A fifth-century Indian head of Buddha went for \$1m., a record in this category. Five bidders vied for this red sandstone head from Uttar Pradesh. A Himalayan record was set when a Sino-Tibetan gilt bronze Buddha went for \$690,000. It had origi-



Mid-18th century three-tiered parcel-gilt silver Torah finials from Germany (\$100,000-\$150,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)



Reuven Rubin: Still Life, oils, 1924 (\$70,000-\$90,000 at Christie's Tel Aviv)

nally been brought from China by the explorer Sven Hedin, bought for the Bendix Corporation during his 1928-33 expedition. It was later exhibited at the 1939 New York City World Fair.

A rare 17th-century Japanese porcelain horse made at the Kakeimon pottery in Kyushu and selected for mention in a previous column, ignited a reported bidding frenzy when it went for an astounding \$838,500, well above its higher estimate of \$600,000. The horse came from the collection of Jakob Goldschmidt and is one of only four known examples. Just 61% of the Japanese lots sold at this sale but, with the Greenfield Collection, raised over \$3m.

J-J TISSOT'S 1877 drypoint etching of his mistress and favorite model Kathleen Newton ("Mavoumeen" reproduced in this column) went for over three times its rosiest estimate at \$12,075 in Sotheby's print sale in London on March 25. All the prominent

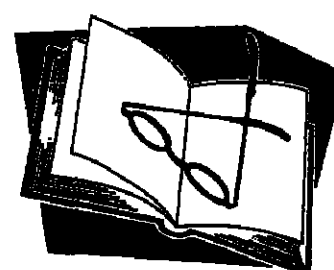
Tissot etchings from the Westworth Collection went above their estimates. Top of the sale was a set of six Jawlensky lithographic heads, which doubled their high estimate at just over \$50,000.

A REMARKABLE array of 456 historic photographs go on sale at Sotheby's New York April 7. Most of the images, by the likes of Ansel Adams and Brett Weston, Margaret Bourke-White, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edward Weston, Bernice Abbot, and Man Ray, to mention only a few, are so riveting as to render pretentious contemporary conceptual photography quite irrelevant.

One of the earlier historic prints is an anonymous and daring full-length portrait of the beautiful Josephine Marcus, the Jewish sometime wife of famous lawman Wyatt Earp (\$3,000-\$4,000). An Ansel Adams print of trees has an estimate of \$20,000-\$30,000.

In Quindlen's fiction life is in the details

Book Review



By Pamela Warrick

If Anna Quindlen were writing this story, she would begin with the details: the pinky gold light that for a few hours between rainstorms illuminated the lobby of the La Jolla hotel; the way the old women with their clouds of blue hair sat stiffly at the ornate mahogany table playing cards and sipping gin and tonics from tall crystal tumblers; the salt-scented air and the distant barks of sea lions lounging on the smooth rocks at the shore below.

For 19 years as a journalist, Quindlen trafficked in such details.

Now as a full-time novelist, she lives and breathes them. For it is in the details, she will tell you, that a stick figure of a story turns into "something that has the smell, the feel, the noisy allure of real life."

Since she wrote her first story at the age of 12, Quindlen has been well-attuned to the noises

essence of her personality is not so easy to pin down.

She can be at once friendly and arch, wary and confused by journalists who don't appreciate how it hurts to have one's work "misunderstood." Even before she won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1992, Quindlen, 43, moved easily through the corridors of power. Until she left the paper, she was on track to be the first woman editor of the *New York Times* and was generally acknowledged to be among the most successful journalists of her generation.

Thanks to the success of all three of her novels — *Black and Blue* has been on bestseller lists for weeks — Quindlen is financially comfortable and able to afford private schools and a weekend home in rural New Jersey.

But the greatest luxury that has come from quitting the daily newspaper grind, said Quindlen, is the time she now can spend with her children — Quindlen, 14, Christopher, 12, and Maria, 9. "I wanted to be around when my kids were doing cool things. I wanted to be there."

Anna's mother, Prudence Quindlen, wasn't there for much of the lives of her five children. She died of ovarian cancer when Anna, the eldest, was a freshman at Barnard College and the youngest, Theresa (whom Prudence named after her

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of real life. But working for the *New York Post* and then the *New York Times*, the details seemed too often disconnected or simply unknowable in time for the first edition.

So she began to write more about what she knew best, the politics of relationships, the challenges of child raising, middle age, getting old, and being and staying married — she wed her college sweetheart, attorney Gerald Krovatin, 24 years ago.

Only twice in her 11 years as a columnist for the *New York Times* did Quindlen address the issue of domestic violence — both times in the context of O.J. Simpson's murder trial. But two years ago, when she sat down to write what she envisioned as a "truth-telling novel about life and marriage," out came a compelling, frightening tale of one woman's flight from a brutal husband.

That book, Quindlen's third novel and her first since she quit the *Times*, is *Black and Blue* (Random House), a grim tale of an emergency room nurse who creates a new life in the Florida Panhandle to save herself and her son from the police officer husband who beats her.

As Quindlen crisscrosses the country promoting the book, she has been surprised that some of the reaction — including a piece in her beloved *New York Times Review of Books* — has been so "off the mark." Although reviewer Maggie Paley complained that the novel "sounds like a woman writing a book-length op-ed column about herself," *Black and Blue* is, in fact, the first Quindlen book not based on autobiographical material.

The author says she knew she was no longer practicing journalism when she thought briefly of going to Florida to see what the panhandle looked and felt like, but then quickly rejected the idea. "I suddenly thought, no, this is my Florida. I think at that moment I realized I'd irrevocably crossed over from my former life to my life today as a novelist."

Anna Marie Quindlen is the sort of person who willingly shares many intimate details of her own life — the still-raw pain over her mother's death when she was 19, her devotion to the Roman Catholic Church (with the exception of its anti-abortion teachings), the sweetness and occasional outrageousness of her three children — but the

favorite saint), was 10. Doesn't Quindlen miss the fast pace and excitement of having a published opinion on any subject anywhere in the news anywhere in the world?

"I still have very strong opinions and at the moment feel kind of outraged about how coverage has evolved of this latest so-called White House scandal. It's just too much about something that may very well not have a bit of truth to it. If I were still writing the column, I hope I'd be writing about something other than speculation about Monica Lewinsky and Bill Clinton."

"The fact is, I never really intended to be a journalist. It was just a job — albeit a job I loved — to pay the rent until I could make my living as a novelist. If you look back at my high school yearbook, you'll see 'Will write the Great American Novel' under my picture."

"Newspapering gives you a kind of discipline I still count on," she added. "Even when you're not having a good day, you know you can sit down and put nouns and verbs one after another. And you learn the rhythm and syntax of real conversation after years and years of writing down what people say in a notebook. It all teaches you an economy of expression."

One thing critics consistently praise about her fiction is the realistic dialogue. And that pleases the author. But it does not please her when readers ask her why her books are so full of pain.

Abusive relationships, weeping children, fatal disease, fatigued caregivers — the weighty emotional burdens of life, especially of a woman's life, are the leitmotifs of Quindlen novels. But the woman who lays down such themes sees it differently.

"Look, women run the world. They don't have the jobs that make it look like they run the world, but if just for one day women didn't do what they do, the world would stop. With that comes a keen sense of how women make life wonderful, but with that goes emotional deconstruction."

For a woman who writes so vividly of pain but has enjoyed such worldly success, is there any pain left in her own life? The answer is stunning.

"Almost none," says Quindlen. "But I still miss my mother." (Los Angeles Times)

Fishing in troubled waters

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

You wouldn't think of eating a panda steak or roasted breast of eagle," says marine biologist Carl Safina. "In fact, you probably wouldn't touch whale meat or dolphin. But you would probably be happy to impress your guests at a sushi parlor with a plate of bluefin tuna or swordfish fillets." Yet, points out Safina, these fish are as much in danger of extinction as the panda or the eagle.

Safina's new book, *Song for the Blue Ocean*, documents, in this series, the decline of some of the ocean's most important inhabitants.

Everything reported in this book has been previously published in scientific journals and some of it

has even been reported in the mainstream news media. But, for the first time, Safina has collected all this information into a comprehensive and very readable book that should alert many people to the tidal wave of destruction engulfing the ocean's wildlife.

Song for the Blue Ocean is to ocean ecology very much what Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* is concerning the bird populations of the world — a warning knell.

Safina, who founded the "Living Oceans" project of the Audubon Society, reports on declining fish catches and disappearing fishing communities and species throughout the world, so threatened that their continued existence is in question.

On the eastern seaboard of the US the yellowtail flounder has almost disappeared. Today it takes 40 miles of line and more than 1,000 hooks to catch the number of fish that a lone person with a harpoon, fishing in sight of land, was able to land in the 1960s. Not only that, it is estimated that only eight out of each 100 of these fish survive from one year to the next.

The population of bluefin tuna has declined by 90 percent in just 15 years and marlin and sword-

fish are at their lowest point in history. Of all swordfish caught, nine out of ten are juveniles that have never spawned.

In one Oregon town the commercial charter fishing fleet has declined from 300 vessels to just 20 in the past five years, and in Washington state salmon trolling licenses have fallen from 2,300 to only 600 in 20 years.

Recreational salmon fishing licenses have been suspended between San Francisco and the Canadian border, and the Alaskan halibut season has been reduced to one 24-hour period per year.

A part of this decline is due, says Safina, to the extremely high prices that fresh fish command. A 120-kilo tuna recently sold for \$83,500.

In the Philippines businessmen impress important guests by ordering a plate of the lips only of Napoleon Wrasse at \$250 a plate. Japanese pay \$60 per bowl for sharkfin soup. (The rest of the shark is discarded.)

Song for the Blue Ocean is a book that needed to be written and that should be read. Safina believes that, unless drastic action is taken at once, most of the fish that inhabit the seas will be gone in a decade.



Unless drastic action is taken soon, most of the fish that inhabit the seas could be gone in a decade. (W. Brown)

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ISRAEL

Voilà! The French finally go on-line

By ANNE SWARDSON

The long-time failure of the Internet to catch on in France has often been blamed on the French distaste for spontaneity and hazard. So it was only fitting that this country's new drive to become wired was capped this weekend by an organized festival.

It was called *La fête de l'Internet*, and it drew thousands of curious French citizens. Exhibitions, discussions, presentations and lessons were offered at 600 locations in Paris and around the country. The fête was kicked off by President Jacques Chirac who, as recently as a year ago, did not know that the thing on the end of the computer cable was called a *souris* (mouse). This time, Chirac smoothly led an online discussion from the presidential Elysée Palace, which in the intervening year inaugurated its own Web site (www.elysee.fr).

The festival sites were fittingly French.

Under the gilded ceilings of the legislative National Assembly (www.assemblee-nat.fr), beneath frescoes painted by Eugene Delacroix, visitors clustered around some 20 computer terminals and learned about pull-down menus and *moteurs de recherche* (search engines).

"Things are a little slow now because it's mid-afternoon (six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time) and all the Americans are signing on," said a trainer to Benedicte de Changy, a young photographer and Internet neophyte. "But that's in English," complained de Changy, pointing to an instruction that had popped up on the screen. Yes, the trainer explained, even though the number of French-language sites is increasing exponentially, you still need to know a few words of English to navigate *la Toile*, or, as it is more often called in French, *le Net*. De Changy's session showed the difficulties of novice navigation.

During an hour, she researched the euro – the planned European currency – found a list of painting competitions, monitored the official French weather site (www.meteo.fr/temps) and finally got lost in a Namibian newspaper site. "I feel like I'm looking without finding anything. I don't quite see my niche in it," DeChangy said after her session. "But I know I can't bypass it: I have to get on it."

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin agrees. In January he launched a large-scale effort to get France online. The government will spend nearly \$250 million to set up access points at post offices, libraries and museums, and to subsidize small business to become wired. Government ministries, usually the last bastions against change in France, will have full Internet access.

The Matignon Palace, residence of the prime minister, also has its own Web site (www.premier-ministre.gouv.fr). But when asked if he was a computer user,

Jospin responded: "I have a computer on my desk. But these days, I haven't had much time to click away at it."

In all of France, polls show, only 350,000 people are adept at using the Internet. Some one million computers are online, 750,000 of them in businesses. France is less wired than the US, but also less wired than Britain, Germany and other major countries in Western Europe.

The Internet has been seen as "something for research or a place where you find everything except what you need," said Laurent Sorbier, head of technology for the French government's strategic planning institute, at the institute's exhibition on cyberbureaucrats. "But we have a strong dynamic of catch-up. The tool is so open, so interesting, I don't think there is any more resistance."

Certainly computer sales have climbed, more than doubling last year to over 700,000. French Internet sites have increased as well.

There are now sites for subjects like cheese (www.fromages.com in English and French), *foie gras* (www.newtech.fr/foiesgras/ in French only) and many major wines. Most major corporations have Web sites, and individuals, almost always young, are starting to create their own home pages.

The two-day festival was considered a huge success. It featured not just introductions to Internet technology but many French-style examinations of the new world. At the Poets' Cafe on the Left Bank, for instance, Friday evening's debate was "The French language: Does it mix with the Internet?" A handy terminal, meanwhile, displayed some of the many government-sponsored cultural sites available in French.

Associations of trial lawyers participated in a mock trial in the 17th-century national court building on the Ile de la Cité. The defendant was the Internet, played by a young blond actress. The

charges: she wasted time, infringed on liberty, widened society's disparities and spread pornography. More than 65 people played roles in the proceedings, which adhered to the strict rules of French criminal procedure.

"Only you," thundered the lawyer for the prosecution to the jury, "can prevent the Internet from creating a new race of slaves. It destroys all. Our penal code no longer allows for the death penalty, or I would request it for the Internet."

The tone was tongue-in-cheek, but lawyer Olivier Iteanu, who came up with the idea of a mock trial, said the issues were real. "We have lost the taste for debate when it comes to the Internet," he said.

The verdict was not guilty of wasting time, guilty of infringing liberty and disseminating porn. Sentence: disconnection with probation, providing she/he behaves better in the future.

(The Washington Post)

Feasts of knowledge a child will devour

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Ani Megaleh Olam, an eight-volume science enrichment series for children, translated into Hebrew from the World Book Encyclopedia's Childcraft series, World Book/Childcraft-Israel, POB 4364, 91043 Jerusalem, Tel (02) 678-5605, 160 pages each, NIS 780 for the whole set.

Science, Science Everywhere, a Childcraft annual in English, Chicago and London, World Book International, 224 pages, NIS 99.

I had to be an elementary-school pupil all over again it would be worth enduring all the tests, rote learning and teachers' personal quirks only if books like these were made part of the science curriculum. The Education Ministry should seriously consider choosing among the 1,280 pages of this science series and binding them into one volume to stimulate interest in these subjects. Perhaps, in a few years, Israeli kids would then rank higher than the mediocre position they took in the Third International Math and Science Study (TIMSS) last summer, way behind their counterparts in the

Far East and even behind those in parts of Eastern Europe.

This series, gradually translated and adapted from the English since 1992, was produced with linguistic and didactic advice from Dr. Shlomo Haramati, a local expert who advocates reducing the number of ideas in children's texts and expressing them in logical order and short sentences.

This technique has been tested on texts from the Bible, Bialik and Sophocles taught in elementary and high schools in development towns. When the material was pared down to the most important ideas patterned in a logical sequence, pupils quickly got a good grasp of it, and excelled in tests, compared to those who learned in the conventional way.

The World Book representative in Jerusalem lent me four of the eight volumes – on mathematical magic, the human body, applied science and science in action – but I have no doubt that the others (on the animal kingdom, the plant kingdom, art and the planet earth, are just as good at teaching children in a way that will leave them hungry for more.

The basic Childcraft formula is to use language understandable to children without eliminating sci-

entific terms. It uses eye-catching titles, has suggested experiments that readers can try themselves with objects easily found around the home, and includes a cornucopia of colorful diagrams, drawings and photographs to illustrate the text.

The Hebrew version is not fully vocalized, but the editors have inserted vowel marks every few words so that children can read the text quickly even from second grade.

To teach the principle of squared numbers, the mathematics volume tells the story of a rich man who didn't know how much money he had. He hired a girl to count all his gold shekels over six days, at the end of which she informed him that he possessed 42 million of them.

The man was very pleased, and, with a sly look, asked his young counter what she wanted as a salary. She said that since the work took six days, she would ask for two agorot for the first day, that number squared the next day and so on, through the sixth day.

The rich man, who was good at making money but not so great at arithmetic, did not realize that for the second day she would get four agorot; the third day 16, the fourth day 256, the fifth day 65,536 and the sixth day 4,294,967,296 agorot – or more than NIS 42 million, thereby completely wiping out his fortune.

This volume also explains the Greek, Indian and Roman systems of numbers, the basis for the abacus, the digital system used by computers, how electronic calculators work, three-dimensional figures and a trick for multiplying numbers by 9 using the fingers of both hands. Many math teachers, I'll wager, have never thought in such logical, easy-to-understand terms.

The volume on the human body (its illustrations apparently made more "modest" so as not to upset religious Jewish parents), provides an excellent explanation of the various body systems – from the parts of the tongue that sense sweet, sour, bitter and salty down to the parts of one's toenails.

Included are: how hair grows, why skin comes in different colors, why one's fingerprints are unique, how the blood circulates and the brain thinks, how microbes attack the immune system and, yes, how babies are born. There are even some recipes for healthful food and charts for assessing the quality of one's diet.



Childcraft helps children learn about the body's reflexes.

The applied science volume explains how jets stay up in the air, the power of magnets, gravity, energy, fire, winds, levers, molecules, heat, light, electricity, sound and many other things.

Once the reader masters the principle, he or she can illustrate it by doing experiments like melting butter on a piece of hot toast or ice cubes in a glass of juice, building an electrical circuit and analyzing gear action on a hand mixer.

The science-in-action volume discusses more complicated day-to-day devices and materials, such as how escalators and elevators work, the power of springs, how goods are manufactured, the mechanisms in washing machines, cars, microwave ovens, robots and submarines.

All of the books are a joy to the senses, and conclude with a detailed Hebrew index of subjects. Although the series really can't be called an encyclopedia,

as it doesn't list subjects in alphabetical order or cover everything, the careful reader will amass encyclopedic knowledge of the world of science at a child's level.

Science, Science Everywhere, published in English last year, is a stand-on-its own book of great interest.

Readers are taught to become junior scientists themselves, with explanations of the personal qualities scientists should have: an open mind, the need to know, persistence and carefulness.

The scientific method of deducing conclusions is explained, and items necessary for conducting one's own experiments are presented.

Which among these are a colloid, a suspension or a solution: jelly dessert, vinegar, ginger ale, pineapple juice, shaving cream and dirty water? Pages 42 and 43 explain the differences. Using food coloring, coffee filters, rubber bands, orange juice concen-

trate and water, you can differentiate among colloids, suspensions and solutions.

Try milk, white vinegar, baking soda and various test materials, such as paper clips and toothpastes, and try to make your own super-adhesive. Put white carnations in water dyed blue and red and guess what will happen to the flower.

When you're finished experimenting in the kitchen, the volume takes you outdoors to a pond or a garden to find frogs or insects. Page 172 is notable for using an illustration of a child in a wheelchair who wonders how a filter works, thus making disability a thing to be naturally accepted.

Hebrew- and English-speaking children will feast on these volumes, and if they don't turn on their computer or TV on Shabbat, this is the perfect way to have them learn while keeping them quiet.

TELL ME WHY

The weird and colorful ways of dust storms

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

There was an incredible sandstorm in most of the country on March 16. I was amazed at its effects, but I didn't understand exactly how they worked.

All the vehicle headlights looked as if they had fluorescent light – bluish-white rather than the usual yellowish white. The green lights on the traffic lights were blue, and the red lights looked orange. The sand must have had something to do with this, but how exactly did it work?

Sara, Jerusalem.

On March 16, I left my house around 8 a.m. in the midst of a sandstorm. I was struck by the fact that the fluorescent lights at the petrol stations near the entrance to town appeared to be blue; then I noticed that the headlights of the oncoming cars also had a bluish tint. What caused this?

Esther, Jerusalem.

Prof. Jeff Gordon of the applied physics and mechanical engineering department at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Institute for Desert Research at Sde Boker replies:

These phenomena are related to the intense scattering of light caused by a heavy dust storm.

The light was scattered by very small particles of sand comparable in size to the wavelength of light. This disturbed the balance of wavelengths.

The intensity of scattering is a strong function of wavelength of the light.

If you look at the spectrum, running from red to blue as seen in a rainbow, blue is at the high-frequency end and red at the low-frequency end. The blue end of the spectrum is scattered with much higher intensity, and that is actually what makes the sky look blue.

Fluorescent light is not really white but a combination of red, green and blue light. When fluorescent light is scattered by dust particles, it turns up with a bluish tint because blue has the highest frequency.

Yellowish incandescent light also scatters to produce a bluish light.

As for the traffic lights, red light is comprised of a number of colors, but red is the most prominent. If you scatter it significantly, the effect of the red at the lowest frequency will be lessened relative to yellow and will look more orange.

Green is in the middle of the spectrum and when you scatter it, the stronger intensity will be at the blue end.

The layman could think that mixing light is like mixing paints, but this is not true.

If you mix red and yellow paint, you get orange; and when you combine blue and yellow, you get green.

But if you mix red, green and blue light, it looks white; if they were paints, the resulting color would be very different.

The fact that the sand that blew in from Africa was yellow would have some effect in this equation, but the scattering by particles of any color is the most important factor in the phenomenon you witnessed.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 538-9527, or send it by e-mail to jstie@post.co.il. Please include your first name and place of residence.

The electronic 'nose' that knows when something's fishy

By CHRIS EVERSOLE

Highly accurate electronic "noses" are being tested for sniffing out spoiled fish and other seafood before they reach consumers to protect them from food-borne diseases.

"The electronic nose gives us nearly 100 percent accuracy and could be just what we need to help seafood inspectors handle their growing workload," said Murat Balaban, a food processing engineer at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"It could be a major step forward in ensuring seafood quality if the federal government and the seafood industry accept it."

"More than 70% of our seafood is imported, but the number of experienced inspectors has not increased – and we need some help," he said.

The electronic devices have a big advantage over conventional testing methods in detecting pathogens that could cause disease, Balaban's colleague Maurice

Marshall said. "In just a few minutes, we can tell what product is good and what is bad," said Marshall, a professor of seafood chemistry. "You don't have to do bacteria counts, which can take days."

The "noses," now widely utilized in Europe, are computerized tabletop units with sensors that detect odor molecules. They are also being used to find bacteria in wounds, inspect toxic waste sites, and check the quality of wine and coffee.

Balaban and graduate student Diego Lazuraga programmed, or "trained," a nose to mimic judgments that inspectors make. In 43 tests on good and bad shrimp last month, the device was in perfect agreement with US Food and Drug Administration inspectors who visited the university campus.

"We call the odor of some spoiled shrimp 'wet dog,' but my 'wet dog' may smell different than someone else's, and that is where this device can help us most," Balaban said.



Just how fresh is this catch?

(Christian Science Monitor News Service)

"Once an electronic nose has learned enough seafood odors, it can be more objective than human

inspectors. And we don't have to worry about it catching a cold or retreating," he added.

Walter Stanusiewicz, research chemist with FDA's seafood inspection program, said his agency has only three seafood inspectors with more than 20 years' experience at the top national level, and they are nearing retirement. "We never have nearly enough inspectors; that's why I'm glad UF is doing this work," he said.

However, more testing is needed before electronic noses can replace federal seafood inspectors.

"When I gather evidence against a company, I have to be ready to go to trial," Balaban added.

Balaban added that federal inspectors should find it easy to defend "electronic noses" as the databases of various seafood odors become standardized.

"Once you've trained a 'nose,' it's objective and highly reliable," he said.

Although federal inspections may not use the electronic noses right away, Balaban said seafood companies could use them to decide which catches to reject and when to process seafood instead of

selling it fresh.

British manufacturers Neotronics Scientific and Aromascan are assisting research on the electronic noses, which now cost about \$40,000. Balaban expects the devices will become the standard for inspecting seafood when prices drop.

Research at UF's aquatic food products lab includes tests on other devices to help seafood companies and grocery chains maintain quality.

They include computerized units the size of a matchbox that record temperature changes during shipping, as well as packets that change color when seafood gets too hot. Balaban is also developing a digital camera system to replace visual inspection of seafood, now the second most popular line of defense against spoilage.

"We're excited about cloning the eyes as well as the noses of inspectors," Balaban said. "We don't want to replace them, just help them do their job."

(University of Florida News)

When dreams come true you're not so scared

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Looking forward to something can help you overcome even the greatest pain and fear. That's the principle behind the Make-A-Wish Foundation, whose Israeli branch is now celebrating its first anniversary.

To date, 44 children and teenagers suffering from life-threatening illnesses have made a wish and had it come true, with the help of 100 fairy godmothers and godfathers who volunteer at the local branch, which is based in Ra'anana.

The latest is Ayal Beer, a 13-year-old leukemia patient from Rehovot, who dreamed of being

on the set of *Seinfeld*, one of the most popular shows in TV history. He was flown to Los Angeles with his parents, Leo and Nettie, and one of his sisters. They were put up at the luxurious Sheraton Universal hotel and taken by limousine to NBC studios, where Jerry Seinfeld walked over for a brief chat with the boy.

Ayal's grandmother, Edna Beer, said her grandson missed over a year of school because of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. But he still managed to keep up with his classes and go on to eighth grade with his classmates, with the help of teachers and tutors who came to his home.

The organization, which now has 80 chapters in the US and 20

branches from Panama and Taiwan to Japan and New Zealand, was founded in 1980 in Phoenix, Arizona. A small group of people helped a very sick little boy fulfill his wish to be a policeman for a day.

Most of the children, aged two-and-a-half to 18, have a wish that falls into one of four categories: "I want to be...", "I want to go...", "I want to have..." or "I want to meet..."

The youngsters' requests are made either directly to the organization or indirectly through their doctor, social worker or health-care professional. The wishes come true thanks to donations, large and small, from companies or individuals.

The most difficult wish that the Israeli branch brought to fruition was that of Yoni Dotan, a cancer patient and the son of entertainer Dudu Dotan, who asked to meet Bill Clinton in the White House. The unusual visit was arranged, and Yoni and his family were hosted in the Oval Office, where Yoni presented Clinton with a T-shirt printed "I Know Yoni Dotan." Yoni even asked Clinton to arrange a meeting for him with Syrian President Hafez Assad (although that will, of course, be more difficult). But keeping one promise, the US president wore the shirt in front of the cameras during a Camp David vacation, and the Dotans - watching TV at home - were thrilled for a second time.

"Although interest in and awareness of our organization swells after well-publicized events like Eyal's and Yoni's wishes being fulfilled, we get great satisfaction by making much simpler wishes possible," says Denise Bar-Aharon, who founded the local branch - called Mischelet Lev - with her Israeli-born husband, Avi, six years after making aliya from Los Angeles and getting initial help from Mervyn Trappler, an

American Jewish volunteer.

The parents of three young children in Ra'anana and the owners of a textile import-export business, the Ben-Aharon's were inspired by Denise's brother David Spero, who died four years ago of cancer at the age of 29, and urged them to help dying children.

A year ago, after undergoing training in Phoenix, they gathered together a group of dedicated volunteers, some of whose own personal tragedies inspired them to become active.

Lori Shaefer Bacher, a 42-year-old wife and mother of four in Ra'anana who co-owns Telebook, a company representing Scholastic Publishing Inc., lost her brother to Ewing sarcoma (a type of cancer). Now a board member and a wish coordinator of Make-A-Wish/Israel, she has devoted endless hours to the organization and pulled strings to arrange Ayal's dream-come-true in Los Angeles.

When one of her staff members, former New Yorker Beth Liberman, heard of Ayal's wish, she e-mailed an old friend who is a producer in California and he phoned *Seinfeld* producer Tim Kasser to ask for the favor.

One can learn from kids' wishes who their role models are. No one has asked to see the Israeli president, prime minister or MKs, but one asked to go to a luna park with entertainer Dudu Topaz and eat ice cream with him, and another girl suffering from cancer asked to see the singing star Rita, who went to visit her at her home and later dedicated a song to the girl at one of her performances.

Many kids ask to visit Disneyland, and one Israeli is about to fly to London to see the Metallica pop group - that will be arranged with help from the Make-A-Wish branch in England.

One boy asked to meet basketball player Michael Jordan and watch a Chicago Bulls game, but the young patient came down with



A beaming Yoni Dotan meets US President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office.

smallpox. The meeting was cancelled and the basketball season ended. But the sports star sent the child a personal letter urging him to be strong, and enclosed an autographed poster.

"It was a difficult day of chemotherapy treatments, with the child's happiness shining through. He had a huge smile on his face, as all the other children came to see the letter Michael Jordan had sent," recalls Bar-Aharon. "It's very clear that on that day, the treatments were more easily endured."

Other youngsters have more modest wishes: a model airplane, a TV set of their own, computers or electric guitars. One child asked

to play with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, and another to be a pilot for a day.

A Bahai girl from Utah who had undergone a heart transplant asked to see the Holy Bahai Temple in Haifa. She was brought here with her family and given VIP treatment arranged by Mischelet Lev: even an "adoptive" Bahai family was arranged.

One of the few requests the organization has had to turn down was that of a 12-year-old boy who wanted an all-terrain vehicle of his own, but was too young to get a license.

The Bar-Aharon's are seeking to get local schoolchildren to raise money and pay for wishes. Some

people celebrate their anniversaries or other happy occasions by financing several wishes. Since airline flights are a major component of costs, the Ra'anana organization has reached an agreement with El Al, allowing volunteers to contact members of the Frequent Flyers Program and ask them to donate mileage points on behalf of the sick children and their families. El Al promised to add mileage points for each point donated.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation/Israel is located at 14 Haharoshet Street, POB 2478, Ra'anana, tel. 09-7602848 and fax 09-7602851.



David, 13, a leukemia patient, gets the electric guitar he's always yearned for.

Don't lose sleep over losing sleep

By KIMMY WILSON

It's 3 a.m., and you're awake. You're turning, changing positions and rearranging your pillows one more time. You even count sheep, but nothing works. Looks like it's going to be another long night of listening to talk radio and another day of feeling tired.

Sound familiar? Sleep disturbances including insomnia, daytime sleepiness and sleep apnea affect many people aged 65 and older. The US National Institutes of Health estimate that more than half of all people over 65 living at home, and two-thirds of those in long-term care facilities, are affected by sleep disturbances.

"Older people tend to get less sleep for a number of reasons," said Dr. Richard Shoup, director of the Sleep Lab at Manchester Hospital in Connecticut. "As people age, the brain becomes less efficient in regulating sleep. And older adults are often dealing with other factors including lifestyle changes, loss of a spouse, health problems and use of medications - all of which can add up to disrupted sleep patterns."

Health problems that can disturb sleep range from arthritis and osteoporosis to heartburn and hot flashes. Aging bladders, snoring, sleep apnea (irregular breathing during sleep) and "periodic limb movements in sleep" also interfere with nighttime rest.

One of the most common sleep-related complaints is insomnia, often brought on by the death of a spouse. Gloria Pawber, for example, never had trouble sleeping. After her husband died, that changed. "I couldn't get to sleep, and if I did, I would wake up with a start. I'd be disoriented and my mind would be racing," says the 69-year-old widow, who joined a support

group to help cope with her grief. "I'd end up just dozing off and on. I finally learned to keep a pad by my bed to jot down my thoughts and help clear my mind. But it took years before I finally got back to normal sleep patterns."

Experts say exercise can be another key to a good night's sleep. A study done by the Stanford University School of Medicine on men and women between the ages of 50 and 76 showed that just a half-hour of low-impact aerobics or brisk walking four times a week helped participants to get to sleep faster and sleep longer.

Although sleep patterns change with age, disturbed sleep is not an inevitable part of getting older. Training yourself to get to sleep more efficiently can also help. Shoup said many people are in the dark when it comes to what he calls good sleep hygiene.

"Anyone can experience occasional problems sleeping. But if you chronically have trouble falling asleep at night or find yourself dozing off throughout the day, try developing a better sleep routine," Shoup said. "If that doesn't work, check with your doctor for an evaluation, treatment options and referrals."

To develop good sleep habits: Follow a regular schedule of going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. Exercise regularly. Moderate physical activity at least five hours before bedtime may improve your sleep, but working out any closer to your bedtime may stimulate the body rather than calm it down. Avoid drinking beverages with caffeine late in the day. If you like a snack before bed, try a small amount of carbohydrates or a glass of warm milk. Steer clear of alcohol before going to bed; although an alcoholic drink may make you drowsy initially, it's likely to wake you up after a few hours and reduce the quality of any sleep you do get.



A daytime snooze helps make up for lost sleep at night: An estimated two-thirds of people over 65 in long-term care and over half of those living at home have problems sleeping.

If frequent trips to the bathroom interrupt your sleep, reduce liquid intake several hours before bedtime. Keep your bedroom dark, well-ventilated and quiet. Use your bed only for sleeping. After turning off the

light, give yourself about 15 to 30 minutes of trying to fall asleep. If you are still awake, get up and read or watch TV until you feel sleepy again.

(The Hartford Courant)

Human knees rebuilt thanks to hogs' guts

By RICK CALLAHAN

A man with a wobbly knee is walking around today thanks to hogs: doctors in Colorado are the first in the world to use processed swine intestines to replace weakened knees' anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

James McDonald, a 38-year-old ranch caretaker in Carbondale, Colorado, received an implant of small-intestinal submucosa (SIS), a paper-thin material derived from hogs' small intestines, which has shown promise in regenerating damaged tissue.

Developed by researchers at Indiana's Purdue University, SIS has attracted widespread attention in the medical community, where it could have applications from repairing tendons and ligaments to replacing human arteries, the esophagus and even intestines. In animal tests, SIS has shown an ability to spark a wound-healing response that stimulates the growth of new blood vessels. It serves as a "scaffold" around which the body heals, eventually replacing the material with new tissue.

"It's exciting because it seems to have the capacity to stimulate the body's healing response and to modify itself to whatever environment it's being used in," said Dr. Robert Hunter, who performed the January 22 operation on McDonald's knee at Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen. Hunter, an associate professor in the department of orthopedics at the University of Colorado, removed the shriveled ACL from McDonald's knee and attached the hog-based replacement using titanium screws.

The patient is recovering nicely but has to undergo a common post-operative procedure to drain fluid from his knee, which had been wobbly since a childhood injury. McDonald, who oversees a large ranch in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains, was able to turn in his crutches three weeks after the surgery. He works out daily for 10-minute periods on a stair climber and treadmill as part of a six-month rehabilitation regimen.

It will be at least a long before doctors know how well SIS works in McDonald and the 11 other patients scheduled to receive knee implants in clinical trials approved by the Food and Drug Administration. If the surgeries being performed at the Aspen hospital and Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, California, show SIS to be safe, more extensive trials will follow.

Dr. Stephen Badyak and his colleagues at Purdue stumbled across SIS's healing potential in 1987, when they were testing it as a vascular graft in dogs.

Badyak, director of research for Purdue's Hillenbrand biomedical engineering center, attributes SIS's healing qualities to the fact that mammals' intestines have

evolved to heal quickly. "Our intestines get injured every day, every time we go to a fast food place and get a virus or whatever," said Badyak, who also serves as chief physician for Purdue's athletes. "I think it tells us we're an awful lot more like pigs than we'd like to admit," he said.

Although SIS is taken from hog intestines, it contains no individual hog cells, all but eliminating the threat that human patients could be infected with hog-borne diseases. After it is taken from the middle layer of hog intestines, SIS undergoes extensive sterilization and processing. The final product is a complex matrix of collagen that's easily malleable.

"You can dry it, powder it, inject it, take a sheet and make it into strips and then braid it and add tensile strength to it. You can make it into a tube. There just seems to be almost no end to what we might use it for," Badyak said. Mindful of that, Purdue's office of technology transfer has licensed the rights to SIS to three companies.

DePuy Orthopaedics Inc. has the right to use SIS for a variety of orthopedic uses. The Warsaw, Indiana, company made the SIS sewn into McDonald's knee. Cook Biotech Inc., a division of Cook Group of Bloomington, Indiana, has optioned all of SIS's other possible applications in humans - except for hernia repair, a facet being developed by Sentron Medical Ventures Inc. of Cincinnati.

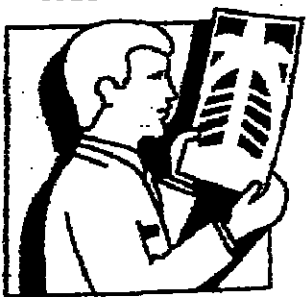
Dr. Richard Tarr, DePuy's senior vice-president for research and development, said the company has spent nearly six years and millions of dollars developing SIS for orthopedic applications. If SIS works in clinical trials, it would be a welcome new option for doctors who perform surgery on an estimated 50,000 patients each year to repair anterior cruciate ligaments.

In the 1980s, doctors tested a number of synthetic materials to replace the ligament, including carbon fibers and Gortex - only to discover that while they worked, they tended to break or fray, creating the need for additional surgery. Since then, orthopedic surgeons have returned almost exclusively to the practice of "harvesting" material from the patient to reconstruct the damaged ligament. But that material isn't always ideally suited for its new purpose. It also creates a second wound that must heal.

Dr. Michael Ehrlich, chairman of the American Academy of Orthopedics' research committee, has tested SIS in the joints of rabbits at his lab at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. While the results have been promising, Ehrlich said he is concerned that the public's demand to get the fruits of research more quickly into clinical settings may have prompted the FDA to act hastily in approving the clinical trial. (AP)

Are you really sure you need a hysterectomy?

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Every year, four percent of fertile women complain to their gynecologist about heavy or irregular menstrual bleeding. Many of them are sent for a hysterectomy, making them infertile; some suffer from a reduced libido, depression and urinary incontinence. However, according to research carried out at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, minimal surgical intervention now available in many medical centers can reduce the bleeding in most cases and eliminate the need to remove the uterus. Instead of performing an abdominal operation the surgeon

removes, via the cervix, a thin layer of endothelium (the tissue that lines the womb), which is the source of bleeding. The technique is suited to women who don't want any more pregnancies, as well as menopausal women who undergo hormone replacement therapy and want to stop the periodic bleeding this can cause.

Sheba gynecologists Prof. Shlomo Mashiah, Dr. Daniel Seidman, and Dr. Motti Goldenberg followed up the cases of 157 women who underwent the endometrial ablation over three years. Fully 88.6% of them reported satisfaction with the results. About a fifth reported that their period stopped completely, while 70% said their bleeding was significantly reduced. Only 8% reported no improvement.

Most of the women who suffered from menstrual pains got complete relief thanks to the surgery, and 95.6% were spared a hysterectomy.

SUPERVISORY MINISTRY The Health Ministry has restructured itself and established a new

administration for medical technologies and infrastructures, headed by Prof. Yehoshua Shemer, a former associate director-general of the ministry and former chief medical officer of the Israel Defense Forces.

Aiming eventually to turn the ministry into a supervisory body instead of one that provides medical services, the new administration is part of the strategy to oversee government, Kupat Holim Clalit and public voluntary hospitals. Shemer's authority includes assessment and approval of pharmaceuticals, diagnostic medical procedures and treatments, organizational structures, quality assurance and medical devices. The branch for medical technology policies is new to the ministry.

Coordinating medical policies will increase efficiency and reduce waste, says Shemer. "I had many offers when leaving the IDF, but this was very attractive to me because of the central role it has in health policy," Shemer will make his recommendations directly to the ministry's director-general and to the minister. "State medical

budgets are inadequate throughout the world. We want to make optimal use of what we have," he explained.

CASH OR CREDIT CARD Kupat Holim Clalit members can now pay for medication in fund pharmacies with credit cards instead of cash-only. The health fund's pharmacies will accept Visa, Mastercard, Diner's and American Express cards for payments for medicinal drugs.

SUPER BLOODMOBILE Magen David Adom has added to its fleet of vehicles an ultra-modern type of bloodmobile that has its own electric generator and a TV screen for the entertainment of the four donors who can give blood simultaneously.

The original design of the vehicle, donated by Friends of the Red Star of David in Britain, was made in the US, but its many improvements - unique in the world - were installed here.

Its powerful 175-horsepower engine runs on diesel fuel. It is roomier than ordinary bloodmo-

biles and much more comfortable, says MDA. A refreshment corner is included, where donors can enjoy hot or cold drinks. MDA staffers can collect 100 pints of blood in a shift, or eight in an hour. It will be very useful when going to IDF bases for blood donations.

Meanwhile, first-aid courses and kits meant for storing in home shelters are being offered by MDA and the Association for Better Housing (Aguda Letarbut Hadyur).

The four-hour resuscitation course, which will be available to apartment residents through their house committees, includes practical training using a specially designed doll.

The first-aid kit - designed by defense and trauma experts in the wake of the Gulf War - contains equipment for treating a wide variety of injuries and large numbers of people.

House committees are also being encouraged to organize blood donations by residents. Call 1-800-400-101 for more information.

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LAST CHANGE

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NASDAQ

ACS Electronics Ltd	4.75	-0.05
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NYSE

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Dow Jones passes 9,000; Euro
markets also break records

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Wall Street's best known speedometer — the Dow Jones industrial average — passed 9,000 for the first time on Friday, spurred by surprisingly positive economic news, only to dial back later in the day.

The dollar hit a 6-1/2 year peak against Japan's yen after a major US rating agency alarmed financial markets by shifting its Japanese country rating outlook to negative from stable.

Bonds were mostly up and oil prices rose moderately.

The Dow hit a record 9,030.49, but ended the day 3.23 points down at 9,027.26. For the week, the blue-chip index gained 187.33.

The Dow accelerated past its latest 1,000-point milestone early in the session after the unexpected report of a drop in US payrolls in March gave the bond market a boost.

"There is a little bit of disappointment that the market was not more dynamic with all the good news that was out," said Hildegard Zagorski, an analyst for Prudential Securities.

"But if this was not the Dow at 9,000, nobody would think anything of today," she said. "It's just taking a breather." In the broad market, advancing issues declined 1,518 to 1,431 on active volume of 649 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index was up 2.44 points at a new high of 1,855.40 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index also set a record with a gain of 2.69 to 1,122.70.

Wall Street cheered the report that the jobless rate rose to 4.7 percent last month from 4.6 percent, while nonfarm payrolls tumbled an unexpected 36,000 after a revised gain of 252,000 in February. The rise in the unemployment rate eased fears of an overheating economy that has been building a series of strong reports.

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STOCKS

Dow Jones 8983	▼ 0.03%
FTSE 6105	▲ 0.18%
Nikkei 15517.78	▼ 12.8%

In the bond market, the key 30-year US Treasury bond climbed 22/32, or 56.875 to a \$1,000 bond. The yield, which moves in the opposite direction of the price, dropped to 5.80% from 5.85% Thursday.

The Dow hit its previous millennium of 8,000 points on July 16, 1997. Its first was on November 14, 1927.

In currency markets, the yen slumped early after Moody's Investors Service Inc. said it revised its outlook for Japan's triple-A rating to negative, highlighting the country's dwindling domestic demand and deflationary pressure that could further scar shaky financial institutions.

In late New York trading, the dollar was higher at 135.25 yen, up from 133.70 on Thursday but off the intraday high of 135.42. It dipped to 1.8485 German marks, down from 1.8542, ending a five-session winning streak.

Bourses in London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris and Amsterdam and Madrid touched all-time intraday highs soon after the opening bell on Friday, bolstered by the Dow's 118

point surge the day before. They also spiked up after news that US unemployment rose last month.

The key US non-farm payroll total fell by 36,000 in March, the first decline since January 1996, and could indicate that the robust US economy may be slowing down.

Some investors in Europe decided to take some modest profits after a recent record run which has seen shares in London, Europe's biggest bourse, advance by over 17% since the beginning of this year alone.

London's FTSE 100 index, which had earlier soared 50 points, hitting an intraday record of 6,105.3, finished up 11.4 points to 6,064.228.6 while in Paris, the CAC-40 index slipped 3.86 points to 3,932.02 after touching a fresh high of 3,987.82.

Fears that the financial crisis in Japan and Asia could knock investor confidence in Western equities have not, as of yet, surfaced as investors scrambled for shares, which by some standards, are near or at full valuation, straws

said. "Perversely, the Japanese crisis is actually supporting European and US share markets," said David Coleman, chief economist at CIBC World Gundy.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index has slumped 12.8% during the same period, according to data from Reuters Securities 3000.

The Japanese yen hit a 6-1/2 year low against the dollar on Friday and Tokyo's bourse slumped 1.18% after credit rating agency Moody's shocked the market by lowering the rating outlook for Japan's debt and its domestic currency.

On Thursday, the Nikkei 225 plunged three percent or 538 points, its biggest one-day fall of the year after the Bank of Japan published data which confirmed the Japanese economy was in recession.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patash (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.2.98)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.710	4.710	4.910
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.540	5.530	5.590
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.020	2.110	2.200
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.000	0.000	0.000

Yan 10 (million yen)
(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (3.4.98)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS	BUY	SELL	BUY	SELL	Rep. Rate**
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Currency basket	3.8247	3.8864	—	—	3.8590
U.S. dollar	3.6029	3.6511	3.54	3.72	3.6350
German mark	1.9440	1.9754	1.91	2.01	1.9622
French franc	5.9971	6.0398	5.89	6.18	6.0487
Japanese yen (100)	0.5901	0.5995	0.57	0.60	0.5953
Dutch florin	2.6751	2.7188	2.62	2.78	2.6981
Swiss franc	1.7554	1.7858	1.69	1.78	1.7409
Swedish krona	2.2693	2.3098	2.21	2.43	2.3734
Norwegian krona	0.4488	0.4581	0.44	0.47	0.4530
Danish krone	0.4701	0.4777	0.46	0.49	0.4744
Finland mark	0.5101	0.5184	0.50	0.53	0.5146
Finnish mark	0.6403	0.6507	0.60	0.66	0.6462
Canadian dollar	2.5342	2.5751	2.49	2.62	2.5550
Australian dollar	2.3991	2.4074	2.32	2.45	2.3908
S. African rand	0.7193	0.7289	0.64	0.73	0.7217
Belgian franc (10)	0.9430	0.9583	0.92	0.98	0.9511
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7633	2.8079	2.71	2.85	2.7907
Italian lira (1000)	1.9713	2.0031	1.93	2.04	1.9889
Jordanian dinar	0.5074	0.5148	0.50	0.54	0.5072
Egyptian pound	1.0200	1.1002	1.02	1.17	1.0767
ECU	3.8650	3.9274	—	—	3.8984
Irish punt	4.8938	4.9728	4.80	5.05	4.9368
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2908	2.3279	2.25	2.37	2.3108

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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Texas's Helling shuts out Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Rick Helling pitched a four-hitter for his first shutout in four years and Mark McLemore had three hits and two RBIs as Texas beat Toronto 5-0.

Helling (1-0) limited Toronto to four singles, walked two and struck out two in Friday's game. It was the first complete game shutout in the American League this season and the second of Helling's career.

The 27-year-old right-hander pitched his other shutout against Minnesota on May 6, 1994. In three career appearances against the Blue Jays, Helling is 2-0 with a 1.78 ERA.

White Sox 10, Devil Rays 4

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Frank Thomas drove in four runs and Robin Ventura went 4-for-4 with three RBIs as the Chicago White Sox beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The White Sox rebounded from Thursday night's 20-4 loss to Texas with 15 hits against the Devil Rays, who were coming off two straight victories over Detroit.

James Baldwin (1-0) pitched six innings for the win. He allowed seven hits, struck five and walked one. Tampa Bay's only run came on Bubba Trammell's homer in the second.

Orioles 10, Tigers 2

In Baltimore, B.J. Surhoff hit a three-run homer and Doug Drabek earned his 150th career victory as the Baltimore Orioles extended their winning streak to three.

Cal Ripken had three singles, scored three times and drove in a run for the Orioles, who led 6-0 after three innings.

Senators edge Devils; Sabres nip Bruins

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jason York, Shawn McEachern and Denny Lambert scored in a 3:35 span early in the third period and the Ottawa Senators enhanced their playoff chances with a 3-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Friday night.

Damian Rhodes stopped 34 shots as the Senators opened a four-point lead over the Carolina Hurricanes in the fight for the last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Ottawa has eight games left and the Hurricanes have nine.

The loss handed the Devils their first three-game losing streak of the season. It marked only the second time in 45 games (40-2-3) that New Jersey has lost a lead after two periods. It also was only the second time in 35 games that Ottawa has rallied to win after being down after two periods (2-29-4).

Brendan Morrison and Bobby Carpenter scored for New Jersey.

Sabres 5, Bruins 4

In Buffalo, New York, rookie-

Baltimore scored its first eight runs with two outs.

Drabek, who signed with Baltimore as a free agent in December after spending last season with the Chicago White Sox, allowed two runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings. The 35-year-old right-hander struck out five and walked none in improving his record over 13 seasons to 150-123.

Bip Roberts had three hits for the Tigers, who have dropped three straight after winning on opening day.

National League East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	2	1	.667	—
Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Florida	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Montreal	0	3	.000	2 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	3	1	.750	—
St. Louis	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Cincinnati	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Houston	2	2	.500	1 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	3	1	.750	—
San Diego	3	1	.750	—
San Francisco	3	1	.750	—
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—
Arizona	0	4	.000	3 1/2

Thursday's NL games: Chicago Cubs 8, Florida 7; Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 3; St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 5; 12 innings; Cincinnati 5, San Diego 1; Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Mets 5; Milwaukee 8, Atlanta 6; 11 innings; San Francisco 6, Houston 2; Colorado 6, Arizona 4.

Friday's NL games: Chicago Cubs 6, Montreal 3; Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 6, Los Angeles 3; Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 1.

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Royals 9, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Dean Palmer and Kansas City ruined another home opener.

Palmer was 4-for-5 with a homer and two RBIs as the Royals rallied from a 4-0 deficit against Brad Radke and beat the Twins, who were playing the first home game of what could be their last season in the state.

The Royals, who opened the season with a win at Baltimore, scored four times in the fifth off Radke, who was 20-10 in 1997 and finished third behind in the AL Cy Young voting.

American League East Division

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Baltimore	3	1	.750	—
Kansas City	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	1 1/2
New York	0	3	.000	2 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	3	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Kansas City	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Minnesota	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Detroit	1	3	.250	2 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	2	1	.667	—
Texas	2	1	.667	—
Los Angeles	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Oakland	0	2	.000	1 1/2

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Jordan sets another record after scoring 41 points v. Minnesota

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan had 41 points and became the third player in NBA history to reach 29,000 career points as the Chicago Bulls beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 107-93 for their 11th straight victory.

Jordan joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain as the only players to score 29,000. He needed 14 points to reach the plateau.

Scottie Pippen added 18 points and Dennis Rodman grabbed 16 rebounds on Friday as the Bulls (57-17) tied the longest winning streak in the NBA this season and continued their pursuit of the league's best record and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.

Sam Mitchell scored 24 and Anthony Peeler 18 to lead the Timberwolves.

Wizards 120, Raptors 112

In Washington, Rod Strickland had 22 points and 11 assists and led a 9-2 run midway through the fourth quarter that secured the victory as the Wizards ended their four-game losing streak.

The victory moved Washington into a tie with Orlando for ninth place in the Eastern Conference. Both the Wizards and Magic — who play each other Sunday — are one-half game behind the New Jersey Nets in the race for the conference's final playoff spot.

The Raptors, losing their eighth in a row, were missing suspended center Oliver Miller and Doug Christie, who has a strained left Achilles.

76ers 93, Clippers 78

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson had 21 points, nine rebounds and seven assists as Philadelphia defeated Los Angeles.

Derrick Coleman registered his fourth straight double-double, scoring 21 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, and Theo Ratliff had 13 points and nine rebounds as the 76ers won for the third time in four games.

The Clippers, who lost their third straight, were led by three players with 13 points — rookie Charles Smith, Lamond Murray, who also had 11 rebounds, and James Robinson.

Hornets 96, Pacers 89

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Glen Rice scored 13 of his 20 points in the second half and David Wesley had a career-high 15 assists as Charlotte averaged one of its worst losses of the season.

The Hornets' 17th victory in 20 games came one week after they gave up 133 points to Indiana and allowed the Pacers to shoot 60 percent, both the highest figures allowed by Charlotte all season.

This time the Hornets put the clamps on Reggie Miller, who was suspended and fined after last week's victory for elbowing Wade Davis. Miller had 19 points, but just six in the second half when the Hornets harassed the Pacers into 9-of-37 field-goal shooting (24 percent).

Divac had 22 points and 11 rebounds, Anthony Mason had 18 points, 13 rebounds and five assists and Matt Geiger had 15 points and 10 rebounds as Charlotte won its fifth consecutive home game.

Hawks 107, Rockets 87

In Atlanta, Mookie Blaylock and Alan Henderson scored 22 points apiece and Eldridge Recasner matched his season-high with 21 as Atlanta handed Houston its fifth straight loss.

Blaylock added nine rebounds and five assists for the Hawks, who need just two wins to clinch a playoff spot. The Hawks had a 53-30 rebounding advantage as Dikembe Mutombo hauled down 14 rebounds and Anthony Miller had a season-high eight.

The Hawks remained three games behind Charlotte in the battle for the fourth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 15 points.

Lakers 105, Cavaliers 93

In Cleveland, coming off a 50-

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	32	12	.727	—
New Jersey	31	13	.705	1 1/2
Orlando	31	13	.705	1 1/2
Washington	31	13	.705	1 1/2
Boston	31	13	.705	1 1/2
Philadelphia	28	16	.636	2 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	32	12	.727	—
Indiana	31	13	.705	1 1/2
Charlotte	29	15	.659	3 1/2
Atlanta	28	16	.636	4 1/2
Cleveland	24	20	.545	8 1/2
Detroit	24	20	.545	8 1/2
Minnesota	23	21	.524	9 1/2
Toronto	15	29	.341	17 1/2

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point game, Shaquille O'Neal scored 26 points against a tiny Cleveland lineup diminished by suspensions as Los Angeles beat the Cavaliers.

The Cavs were missing three of their biggest players — All-Star Shawn Kemp, Vitaly Potapenko and Shaquille O'Neal — who were suspended for leaving the bench during an altercation Wednesday at Detroit.

O'Neal went scoreless for the first 8 1/2 minutes and had only seven points in the first quarter. He finished 11-for-23 from the field and 4-for-7 from the line with 11 rebounds.

Mario Bennett scored 21 points on 10-for-12 shooting in his first career start, and Eddie Jones had 20.

Celtics 101, Pistons 100

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Antoine Walker made a 19-foot (5.79-meter) jumper at the buzzer to complete Boston's comeback from an 18-point, fourth quarter deficit as the Celtics defeated Detroit.

Walker, who scored all but 10 of his 31 points in the second half, took a pass from Dana Barros as the clock ticked down and was unable to drive past Jerome Williams.

With teammates shouting for him to shoot, Walker spun back and launched a jumper that settled into the basket as the clock expired.

Brian Williams had 29 points for the Pistons, who had a 90-72 lead with 8:46 remaining.

Jazz 97, Nuggets 75

In Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 22 points and Jeff Hornacek added 15 as Utah gained its ninth consecutive win over the Nuggets.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Shandon Anderson scored 12 points and Greg Oden blocked seven shots and grabbed eight rebounds in 24 minutes as the Jazz won their eighth straight home game, and seventh of eight games overall.

Danny Fortson and LaPhonso Ellis each scored 17 for Denver (9-65), which still needs one more victory in its final eight games to avoid tying the worst record in NBA history.

Trail Blazers 109, Mavericks 102

In Portland, Oregon, Rasheed Wallace scored 19 of his 27 points in the first half to lead Portland over Dallas.

Brian Grant added 20 points and a career-high 20 rebounds for the Blazers, including 10 points and seven rebounds in the third quarter when the Blazers outscored Dallas 31-25 to gain control of the game.

The Mavericks, whose last lead was 48-47 late in the first half, were led by Michael Finley's 32 points. Hubert Davis added a season-high 25.

SuperSonics 138, Grizzlies 98

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Hersey Hawkins scored his first 29 points as Seattle won its first road game in almost a month.

Hawkins went 7-for-9 from the 3-point line as the Sonics broke a three-game road losing streak. The Sonics, whose last road win came March 8 at Minnesota, had lost their last three away games against Golden State, Phoenix and the Lakers.

Seattle, which set a team record with 17 3-pointers and had its highest point total of the season, maintained its half-game lead on Utah for first place in the Western Conference.

Bucks 87, Kings 86

In Sacramento, California, Terrell Brandon scored on a layup in traffic with 20 seconds left and Mitch Richmond missed the final shot of the game as Milwaukee dealt Sacramento its 12th straight loss.

The losing streak is the longest for the Kings since they moved to Sacramento for the 1985-86 season.

With Milwaukee trailing 86-83, Brandon drove to the basket and connected on a left-handed scoop shot.

Richmond, who led all scorers with 23 points, missed a difficult layup jumper from the baseline with about 3 seconds left, and the Bucks grabbed the rebound to win their third straight game.

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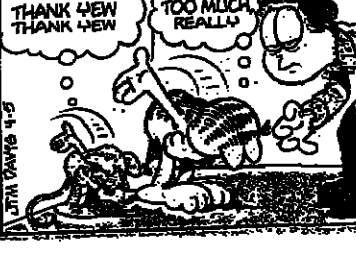
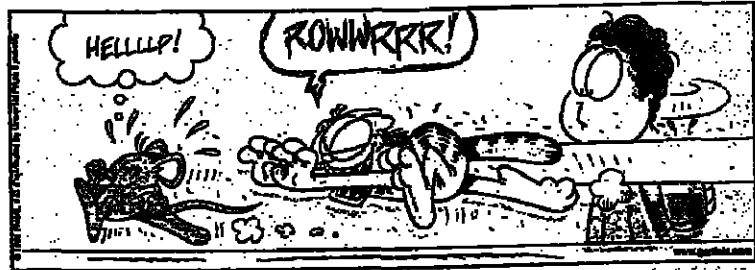
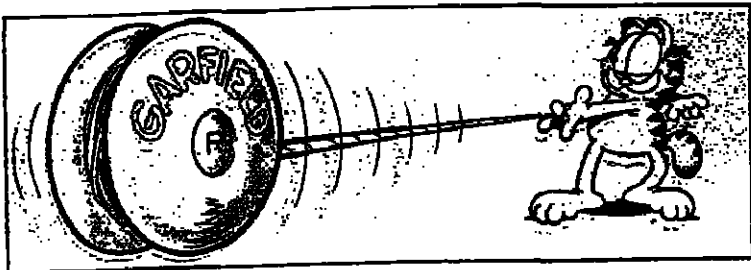
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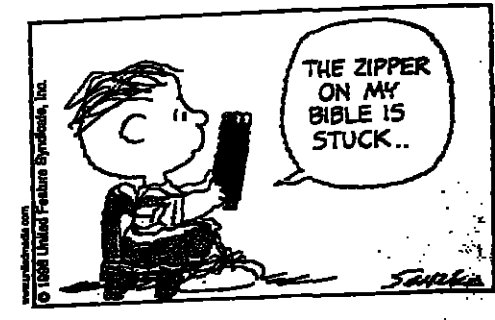
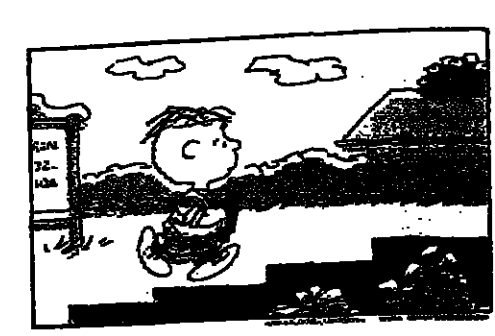
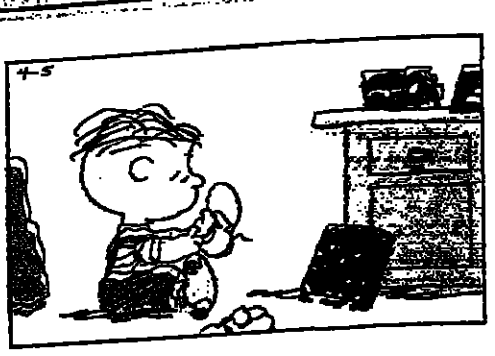
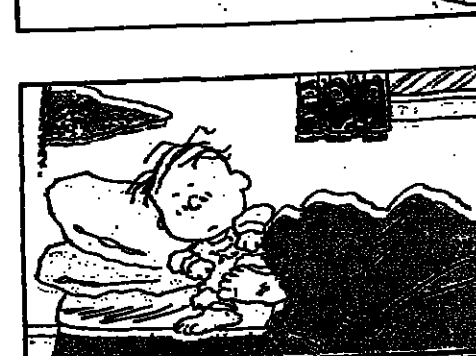
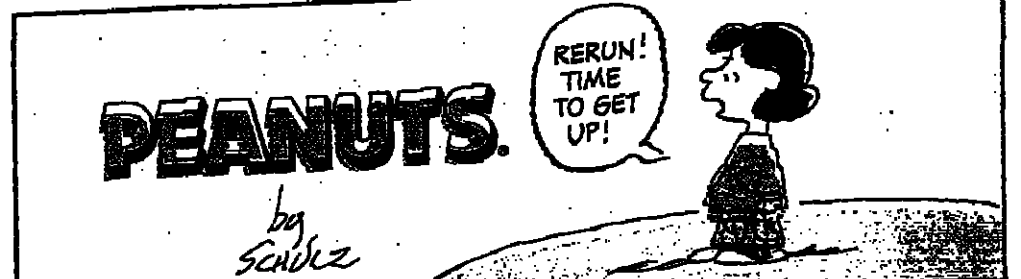
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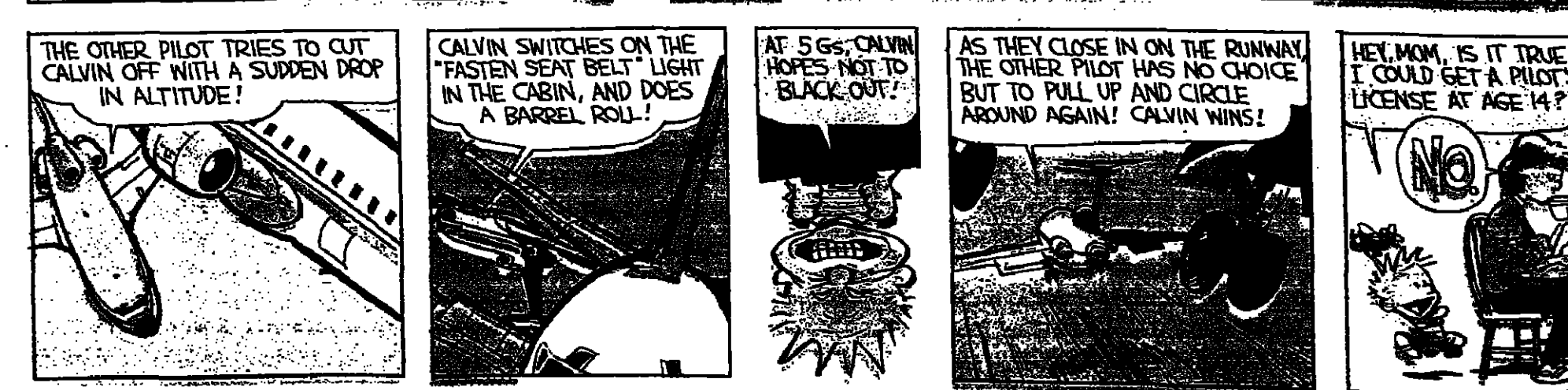
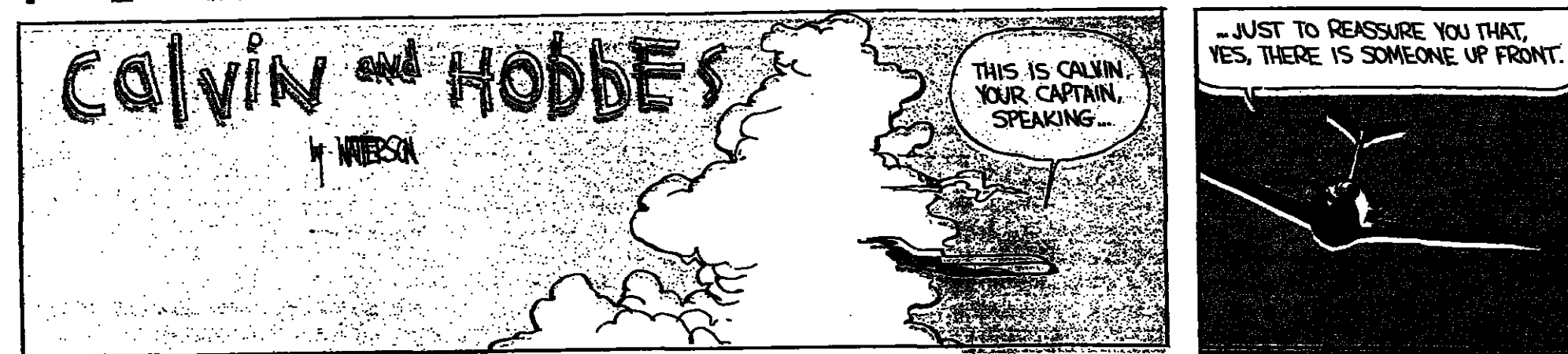
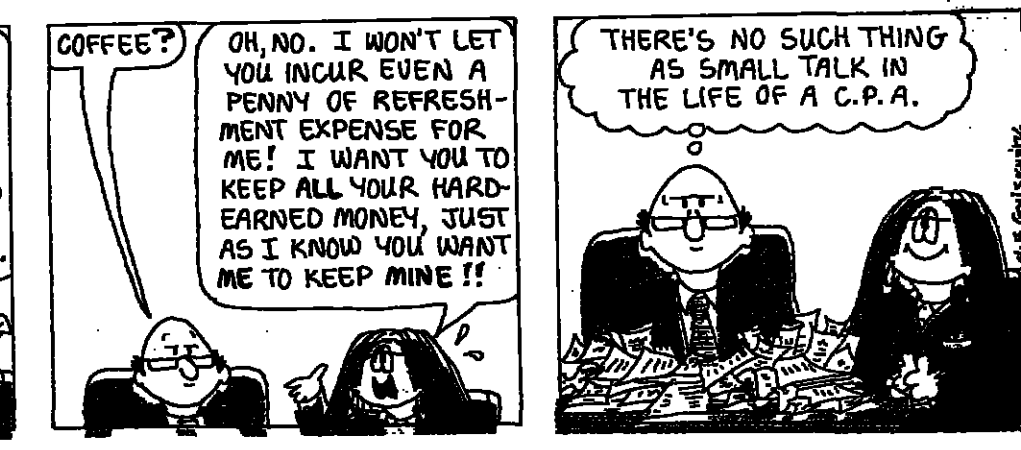
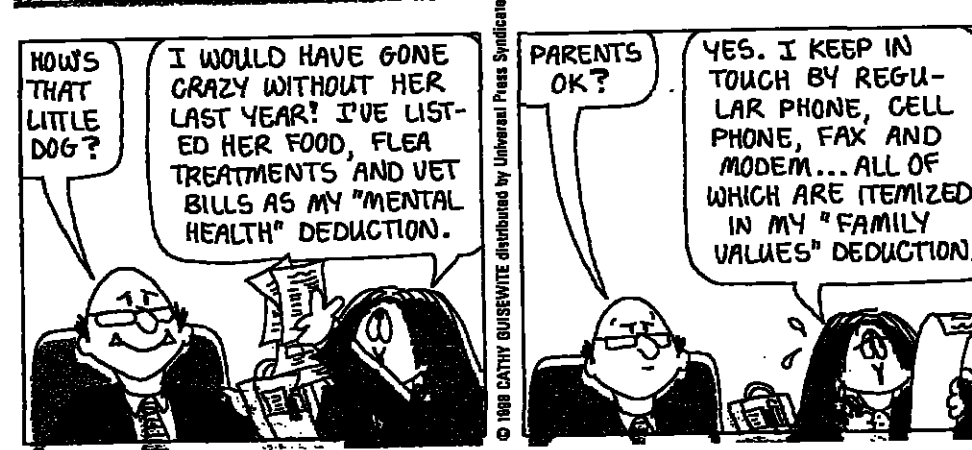
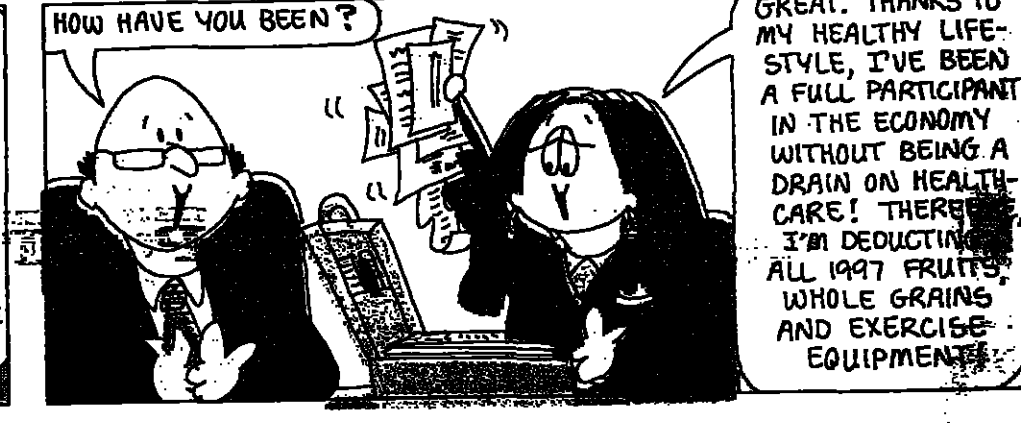
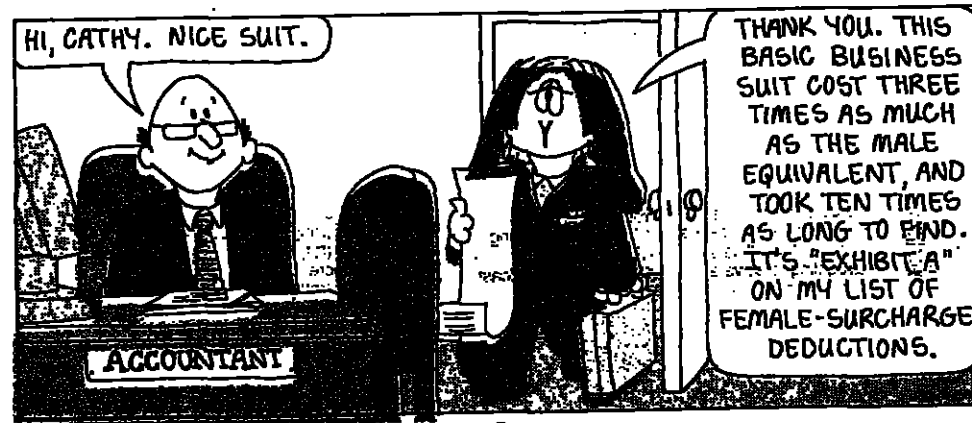


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Stanley Sperber leads his Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* (1945) while orchestra principal flautist, Marcello Ehrlich, plays the solo in Leonard Bernstein's *Halil*. American pianist Awadagin Pratt plays Beethoven's fourth piano concerto. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

One of the winners of the Ninth International Aram Rubinstein Master Piano Competition will give a recital tonight (8:30) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.

Philippe Entremont leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Respighi's *Gli uccelli* (*The Birds*) and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*, while Matthias Ziegler plays *Nola* for flutes and chamber orchestra by Israeli composer Benjamin Yusupov, tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.

Mendi Rodan leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra today (5:30) in a family concert at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. The concert features Israeli children celebrating the 50th anniversary of the State with music by Noam Sheriff, Moshe Vilenski, Paul Ben-Haim, David Broza, Yoni Rechter, Shlomo Gronich and others.

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance presents a memorial evening on the first anniversary of the death of bass singer Daniel Ziff, who was a member of the Academy faculty, as well as a reviewer for *The Jerusalem Post*. Academy opera singers will perform scenes from *Fidelio*, *Der Rosenkavalier* and *Faust* tonight at the Academy (room 221) at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University Jerusalem at 8:30.

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6:30 News flash
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EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

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10:20 Fairy Tale Theater
11:15 Glad Days
11:40 The Box of Delight
12:15 Moly
12:45 The Dog Channel - animation
14:30 Running The Halls
15:00 Escape from Jupiter

CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Super Ben and Zap 1
15:35 X Men
16:00 Byker Grove
16:30 Zorro
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Broadcast Mobile
18:10 Time for Language with Anselmo Nor
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ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Al Arabiya
18:30 News
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HEBREW PROGRAMS

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18:31 Home Improvement
18:53 Filmed on the Street
20:00 News
20:05 Thuma: On the Path to Terror
20:15 World Champions
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CHANNEL 2 (22)

6:45 Today's programs
6:50 Spiderman
6:55 News in Tel-Aviv
6:55 Coffee with Tel-Aviv
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10:20 Moses
10:20 Beach
10:30 Boogies Diner
10:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
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Irish expose England's faults

LONDON (Reuters) — England clinched a record-equalling fourth successive Five Nations Triple Crown when they beat Ireland 35-17 yesterday but face a lot of work before they can challenge the world's best.

Ireland, who have not won a match in the championship, stopped the English from playing a flowing game at Twickenham. Tries from fullback Matt Perry, hooker Richard Cockerill and winger Mike Catt gave England a 25-7 lead at the interval after a positive half with the wind at their backs. But after Irish winger Denis Hickie raced over for his second try of the game in the 55th minute after a brilliant reverse pass from flyhalf Eric Elwood, Ireland seemed to be making a comeback with the score at just 25-17 in England's favor.

It was not until replacement center Phil de Glanville crashed over from close range 10 minutes later that England got on top again and Ireland headed towards their fourth defeat in the championship to take the wooden spoon.

Five Nations Championship									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
England	4	3	0	1	146	87	6		
France	3	3	0	0	93	49	6		
Wales	3	2	0	1	75	94	4		
Scotland	4	1	0	3	66	120	2		
Ireland	4	0	0	4	70	102	0		

Earth Summit wins Grand National

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) — Earth Summit, the 7-1 favorite, gave jockey Carl Llewellyn his second Aintree Grand National success in six years yesterday.

The 10-year-old took up the running turning into the straight and in desperately heavy ground held off top weight Sun Bay (11-1), the mount of Graham Bradley, by 11 lengths. It was the second year in succession that Sun Bay had to settle for the runner-up slot. Twelve months ago he had finished a 25-length second to Lord Glylene.

Earth Summit picked up the \$360,000 top prize for his six-strong syndicate of owners which includes former soccer player Ricky George and Aintree press officer Nigel Payne.

Third place in the 37-strong field went to 8-1 chance Samlee, the mount of Richard Dunwoody, but only six horses finished in the highly testing conditions. The race took place amid extremely tight security after last year's National was postponed following a bomb threat and had to be run two days later. Happily, yesterday's event passed off without

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Current titlists Betar Jerusalem edged closer towards their goal of securing another league championship with a tenacious 1-0 away victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv yesterday's "match of the season" played before a raucous crowd of over 20,000 partisan fans at Bloomfield Stadium.

Betar's winner came in the 21st minute from Hungarian import Istvan Pishont. The result knocked the Tel Avivians out of pole position they have occupied since round 16, and Betar head the National League thanks to a superior goal difference.

The destiny of the title now lies firmly in the hands of the Jerusalemites, who on yesterday's performance looked far more likely to go the full distance than their would-be usurpers from Tel Aviv.

Round 25 provided some crucial results at the other end of the standings. Bottom-of-the-pile Hapoel Ashdod looked to have given up all hope of salvation as they fell to a 2-0 defeat at home to Ironi Rishon LeZion.

True grit is what counts at this stage of the season and it was certainly displayed in Hapoel Beersheba's 2-1 away win over Hapoel Petah Tikva. The result carried the southerners out of the second relegation berth as Bnei Yehuda were blasted 4-0 at home by a rampant Maccabi Petah Tikva. Unless the Haikva Quarter side can stop 51% of the rot quickly they look doomed to join Ashdod in the Second Division next season.

Hapoel Beit She'an meanwhile seem to have ensured themselves another year in the top flight thanks to a useful 2-1 win over Hapoel Kfar Sava on Friday. Second Division leaders Zafirim Holon increased their lead to three points, while the other promotion hopefuls Maccabi Jaffa and Hapoel Ashdod both registered draws.

In the draw made for the State Cup semifinals made on Friday, it



Shmullik Levy fires a shot past Hapoel Tel Aviv's Sebastian Simerotic as teammate Stefan Sallot looks on.

(Brian Hendler)

was determined that Maccabi Haifa will face Ironi Ashdod and Hapoel Beersheba will take on holders Hapoel Beersheba. The matches will be played on April 21.

Hap. Tel Aviv 0, Bet. Jerusalem 1

More than 20,000 fans in a packed to the rafters Bloomfield stadium saw victory for Betar Jerusalem secured by Istvan Pishont's follow up, this was Betar's sixth successive league win, and Hapoel Tel Aviv's first home defeat and third in total.

The last time Hapoel Tel Aviv lost was to the other team from Jerusalem on February 4.

Yesterday's 1-0 scoreline saw Betar record their sixth win of a rampant six-match run which has taken them up to the top of the National League, level on points but ahead of Hapoel Tel Aviv on goal difference.

There were very few goal scoring opportunities in the opening stages of the game, neither side obviously wanted to give anything away with so much at stake.

However, Hapoel saw more of the ball despite having their star man Shalom Tikva on the bench with a stomach bug.

Betar took the lead in the 20th minute, Sergei Tarkak disposed Sebastian Simerotic on the halfway line, he laid the ball to Hamar who waited around two defenders and towards the home side's box before he released a shot that seemed too hot to catch for Hapoel's keeper Shavit Elimelech, and he palmed it into the path of Pishont, who slotted in from a tight angle.

Yossi Abuksis had another chance 11 minutes later, but his 25 meter effort also tested Elimelech but he was equal to it.

In the second period, Hapoel introduced Tikva, who didn't look anything like the finished article of last week's derby and much the same story: Hapoel having most possession but never looking like breaking Betar's well organized defence.

Betar's best second half chance fell to man of the match Shmullik Levy, but his shot from 25 meters could only shave the upright.

The atmosphere was beginning to heat up as the home crowd baying for an equalizer and a few minutes to the end Nir Sivila, who came on for Stefan Sallot in the 76th minute made a meal out of a shove by Elimelech, after he had brought down Assi Domb near the byline and left referee Eyal Tzur no chance but to send the keeper off.

With no substitutions left, coach Eli Cohen ordered Ya'akov Hillel

to put on a keeper's jersey and go in goal. Perhaps it is no surprise that a team nicknamed the red devils have a battle mentality, but some might describe their game of crime and punishment as misguided at best, dirty at worst.

Bnei Yehuda 0, Mac. Petah Tikva 4

There were plenty of exotic curses flying in the direction of Bnei Yehuda coach Ya'akov Grumman towards the end of this game, and most of them were unrepeatable. Maccabi Petah Tikva put on one of their best performances of the campaign as Noam Casey opened the scoring with a 24th-minute header.

This was followed by two excellent goals by Idan Tal with Tzahi Shmaryahu adding Petah Tikva's fourth six minutes from time.

Mac. Haifa 0, Ironi Ashdod 0

The weather and the weekend's

top bill ensured that only a small crowd turned up to witness one of Maccabi's worst efforts in recent months. With no less than eight minutes of injury time added, many wondered whether the referee was doing his best to prise a goal out of this miserable contest or was testing the outer limits of soccer fans' endurance.

National League: Bnei Yehuda 0, Maccabi Petah Tikva 4; Maccabi Haifa 0, Ironi Ashdod 0; Hapoel Jerusalem 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 1; Maccabi Herzliya 1, Hapoel Haifa 1; Hapoel Tel Aviv 0, Beitar Jerusalem 1; Hapoel Ashdod 0, Ironi Rishon LeZion 2; Hapoel Petah Tikva 1, Hapoel Beersheba 2.

Second Division: Hapoel Lod 1, Zafirim Holon 2; Maccabi Acre 1, Maccabi Jaffa 0; Maccabi Netanya 1, Ashdod 2; Hapoel Tiberias 2; Hapoel Ramat Gan 0, Hakoah Ramat Gan 1; Hapoel Bat Yam 0, Ness Ziona 2; Betar Tel Aviv 0, Maccabi Yavne 0.

National League									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Betar Jerusalem	25	16	8	1	42	29	35	54	
Hapoel Tel Aviv	25	17	5	3	30	11	19	56	
Hapoel Beersheba	25	13	9	3	42	25	40		
Maccabi Haifa	25	13	6	6	42	20	44	45	
Hapoel Petah Tikva	25	13	6	6	40	34	44	33	
Hapoel Beersheba	25	8	9	8	33	38	33		
Ironi Ashdod	25	8	7	10	28	32	21		
Hapoel Jerusalem	25	7	10	8	38	34	41		
Ironi Rishon LeZion	25	6	6	11	32	38	24		
Mac. Petah Tikva	25	6	11	8	21	24	33		
Hapoel Beersheba	25	7	7	11	27	37	28		
Hapoel Beersheba	25	6	9	10	27	30	27		
Maccabi Tel Aviv	25	5	8	12	30	49	23		
Bnei Yehuda	25	5	7	13	18	31	22		
Hapoel Ashdod	25	4	6	15	19	39	20		

Second Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Zafirim Holon	24	17	5	2	40	16	27	54	
Maccabi Jaffa	24	15	8	1	48	19	29	53	
Hapoel Ashdod	24	14	5	5	47	26	21	48	
Mac. Ramat Gan	24	11	5	8	32	21	38		
Maccabi Netanya	24	8	10	6	32	30	24		
Betar Tel Aviv	24	9	6	9	32	38	34		
Hapoel Beersheba	24	7	9	8	29	25	22		
Maccabi Tel Aviv	24	7	9	8	24	25	40		
Maccabi Acre	24	7	9	8	27	33	40		
Mac. Kiryat Gat	24	9	5	10	36	38	29		
Hapoel Bat Yam	24	7	7	10	31	34	28		
Ness Ziona	24	6	9	9	33	32	17		
Hapoel Lod	24	6	9	9	33	36	27		
Bnei Sakhnin	24	6	8	10	28	44	20		
Hapoel Ramat Gan	24	4	8	12	27	41	20		

Israel easily overcome Austria in Davis Cup

By HEATHER CHAIT

The pre-tie expectations were cautiously optimistic but Israel's Davis Cup team breezed into an unassailable 3-0 lead over Austria yesterday, effectively wrapping up the tie after two days' play.

The victory means that Israel advances to the qualifying round in September for the 16-nation World Group.

Eyal Erlich and Amir Hadad both won their singles matches in straight sets on Friday while the duo of Erlich and Noam Behr kept their unbeaten doubles record winning a five-set match yesterday to seal the tie.

Erlich and Behr have already notched Davis Cup doubles wins against Slovakia and Spain.

"An amazing achievement" said captain Shlomo Glickstein. "The players showed determination, maturity and enormous motivation. This was a victory of all the players, both those on and off the court."

Leading 2-0 in the tie, the doubles pair took to the court yesterday, seeking the one elusive point for a win.

Their result after three hours was a 6-4, 7-6(3), 4-6, 1-6, 6-4 win over Wolfgang Schranz and Thomas Buchmayer.

After snatching the first set in

30 minutes over their inert opponents, the local pair hung on to win the second set tiebreak but at two sets up, they suddenly lost momentum.

They were broken once in the seventh game to lose the third set and then continued to deteriorate in the next set where they picked up just one game.

It was Schranz's withering serves together with the Israeli's drop in concentration which allowed the Austrians to reach 2-2 in sets.

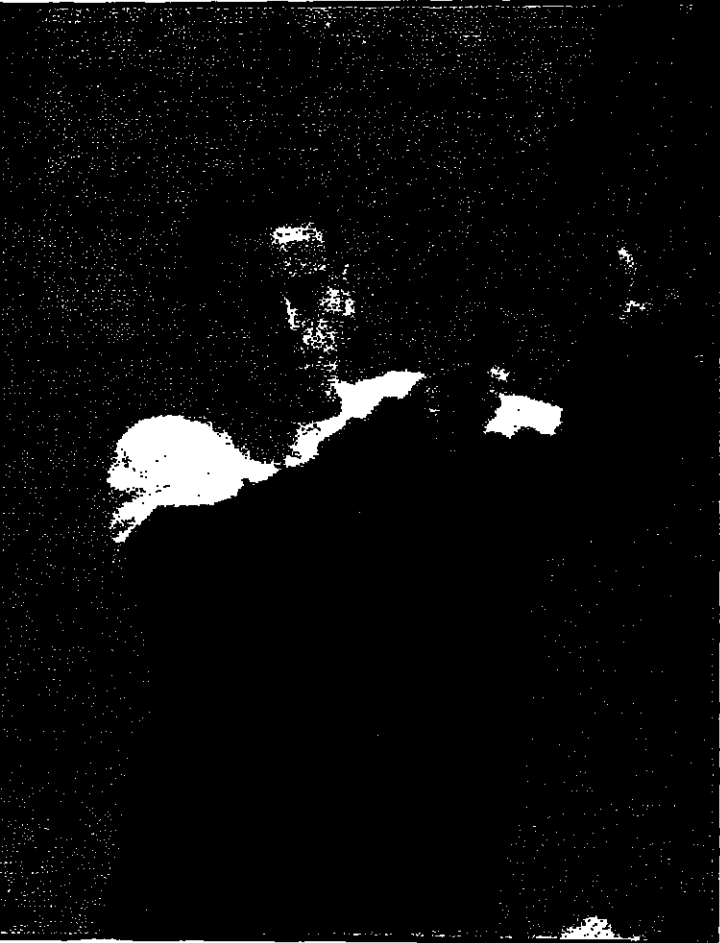
However, the Erlich and Behr who began the fifth set were a different breed of player, with a new found vigor and power. The crowd sensed this and eagerly joined in the festivities while the Israelis broke serve in the third game, fighting for every point en route to salvaging the match and seizing the tie.

Friday's singles matches were a double dose of delight for the 1,200-strong crowd.

Glickstein had surprised the tennis public by selecting novice Hadad over stalwart Eyal Ran to play singles but his gamble paid off.

Hadad looked the picture of confidence on court, impressing the crowd with a powerful performance, his best ever, according to Glickstein.

Hadad, 271 in the ATP rankings, beat Austria's No. 1 player



SUCCESSFUL GAMBLE — Amir Hadad made a dream debut on Friday.

(Nissan Shore)

Stefan Koubek (149) 7-6(5), 6-4, 6-3 in a determined, composed manner with his superb sliced backhands and ripping forehand drives from the baseline, prompting speculations that he is the kind of player that has been sorely lacking recently in local tennis.

Hadad withstood the pressure of the first-set tiebreak, and maintained his advantage in the second set. By the third set he was entirely in command, both at the net and the baseline while Koubek barely offered any resistance.

The 20-year-old from Ramle attributed his success to his captain while Glickstein described the performance as "excellent."

In the first singles rubber on Friday, No. 1 player Erlich took Israel to a 1-0 psychological lead, by beating Gerald Mandl 6-1, 7-6(4), 7-5.

Erlich quickly adapted to his new role as leader of the team and never buckled to the pressure.

"I played consistently," said Erlich, "but I didn't expect to win in straight sets."

Today's "dead" singles are merely a formality and will be played over the best of three sets. Behr replaces Erlich as top player against Koubek while Hadad meets Mandl. The matches begin at 2 p.m.

Leeds move up, Everton, Spurs share honors as leaders rest

LONDON (Reuters) — Leeds United moved up to fourth place in the English premier league yesterday while Tottenham Hotspur and Everton drew 1-1 in a game neither could afford to lose at the bottom of the table.

Leeds, sixth at the start of a reduced program without the top five teams, beat relegation-threatened Barnsley 2-1 to improve their European hopes.

Barnsley once again finished the match with 10 men after

Bulgarian Georgi Hristov, who had scored their 44th minute equalizer, was sent off near the end.

Leaders Manchester United play in the league at Blackburn tomorrow while second-placed Arsenal play an FA Cup semifinal against first division Wolverhampton Wanderers today

Division One: Bury 2, Huddersfield 1; Manchester City 4, Stockport 1; Norwich 2, Bradford 3; Port Vale 3, Oxford United 0; Portsmouth 1, Birmingham 1; Reading 2, Stoke 0; Swindon 0, Charlton 1; West Bromwich Albion 2, Middlesbrough 1.

Premier League									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Manchester United	32	19	6	7	60	23	61		
Sunderland	40	23	10	7	74	41	79		
Middlesbrough	39	22	9	6	65	38	75		
Charlton	40	21	9	10	72	49	72		
Wolves	39	18	13	11	64	51	67		
Sheff Wed	38	17	14	11	56	41	65		
Birmingham	41	16	15	10	53	34	63		
Wolverhampton	39	17	13	10	47	39	60		
Bradford	41	14	14	13	44	45	56		
West Brom	41	15	11	15	41	47	56		
Stockport	41	16	7	18	62	60	55		
Cardiff	41	15	8	18	55	55	53		
Swindon	41	14	18	19	60	51	50		
Coventry	40	15	5	20	46	57	50		
Huddersfield	41	12	11	18	47	60	47		
Tranmere	39	12	10	17	43	44	46		
Bury	41	9	19	13	39	50	46		
Port Vale	41	12	9	20	50	58	45		
QPR	41	10	15	16	45	56	45		
Norwich	41	11	12	18	39	65	45		
Manchester City	41	11	10	20	47	49	43		
Portsmouth	40	11	9	20	42	56	42		
Reading	41	11	9	21	38	69	42		
Stoke	41	9	13	19	38	63	40		

at Old Trafford.

The Leeds victory at Elland Road was a body blow for Barnsley, with the winner coming from an 80th minute own goal by Adrian Moses. It increased the likelihood of Everton and Tottenham avoiding the drop.

Everton, fourth from bottom

Division Two: Blackpool 1, Walsall 0; Bournemouth 0, Wycombe 0; Bristol City 1, Carlisle 0; Fulham 2, Preston 1; Grimsby 0, Gillingham 0; Luton 3, York 0; Millwall 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Northampton 0, Burnley 1; Oldham 2, Plymouth 0; Wigan 3, Watford 2; Wrexham 2, Brentford 2.

Division Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	41	24	9	8	65	33	81
Walsall	41	21	14	6	61	38	77
Grimsby	40	18	13	9	52	31	67
Wrexham	41	17	14	10	58	46	65
Fulham	40	18	9	13	50	37	63
Barnsley	41	16	15	10	45	32	63
Gillingham	41	17	10	14	48	45	61
Bristol Rovers	41	16	10	15	59	60	58
Chesham	41	14	15	12	41	58	57
Blackpool	40	15	9	16	50	57	54
Oldham	40	13	14	15	54	47	53
Hillway	41	12	15	14	47	54	51
Wycombe	41	12	15	14	47	54	51
North	41	12	15	14	47	54	51
Truro	41	12	15	14	47	54	51
Wigan	39	13	13	15	47	54	48
Lancs	41	11	14	15	49	56	47
Brendon	41	10	16	15	45	62	46
Plymouth	41	11	12	18	49	62	45
Barnley	39	10	12	19	44	51	41
Carlisle	41	11	11	19	51	61	41
Sheff Wed	41	11	8	22	52	61	41